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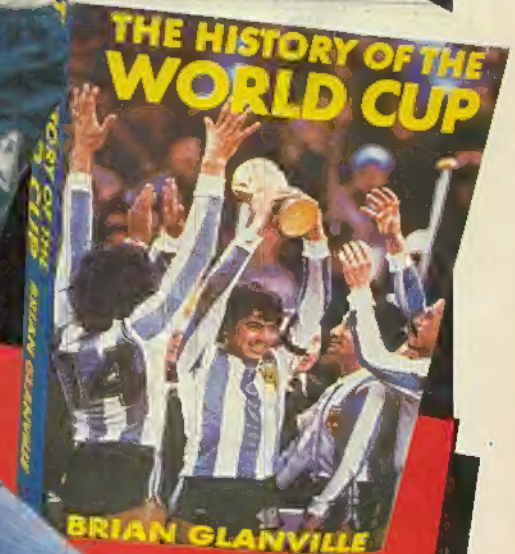
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Ipswich Town's Terry Butcher — another contender for the England number five position.

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ANOTHER MATCH WEEKLY EXCLUSIVE . . . BIG DAVE WATSON TELLS HOW A MOVE TO STOKE SAVED HIS CAREER . . . AND HOW HE PLANS TO WIN BACK HIS ENGLAND SHIRT

DAVE Watson revealed this week that he thought about quitting football when he was languishing in Southampton's reserve team.

But after his £50,000 move to Stoke, Dave is back in the limelight and has his sights set firmly on a return to the England side and a place in the World Cup Finals in Spain.

Dave lost his England place after Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy dropped the 35-year-old centre half in October last year and he missed his country's vital qualifier against Hungary.

Now he admits: "While I was in the reserves at The Dell I seriously considered retiring from football. "But joining Stoke has come at a crucial time in my career and it's just the boost my World Cup hopes needed."

"I was never going to play for England again while I was playing in the reserves. Moving to Stoke is the biggest lift I've ever had."

"The World Cup Finals are the biggest competition you can play in. It's an ambition I've wanted to realise for the last 14 years," he added.

Chance

And Dave still believes that he's got a good chance of making the trip with the 21 other members of the England squad.

"The number five shirt is still up for grabs. No-one else has impressed in that position even though Russell Osman, Alvin Martin and Terry Butcher are in contention."

"I know I can still do a job for England in the number five shirt. I've got the experience to do the job," said Dave, who's been England's regular centre-half since 1977.

"Realistically, I've only got about six months left as an international centre-half, but the move to Stoke has given me hope. I know I'm in contention for a place in England's World Cup squad."

"I was very disappointed not to be picked for the game against Hungary at Wembley but I knew my chances were limited," said Dave.

"As it turned out, on the night anyone could have played number

five against the Hungarians. West Ham's Alvin Martin didn't have that much to do."

The end of Dave's two-and-a-half-year stay on the south coast began after Saints' 4-0 thrashing at Birmingham in October. The defeat brought their defensive record to 15 goals conceded in just four games.

"We suffered a run of bad results and the manager decided that changes were needed," said Dave.

Dropped

"After that, results picked up and my chances of first team football at The Dell dwindled. But I don't think the upturn in Southampton's form had anything to do with my being dropped. It was just a coincidence."

"I'm absolutely delighted that Stoke manager Richie Barker has given me a chance of playing in the First Division again," said Dave, who started his career with his home town club, Notts County.

"I enjoyed myself at Southampton and, during my time there, we were pretty successful. Last season we finished sixth in the First Division and that was their best ever League position. We also had a couple of good cup runs."

"But I always wanted to end my playing days in the North of England so the move to the Victoria Ground is ideal for me," added Dave.

In fact, most of Dave's playing career has been spent up north. He saw service with Rotherham, Sunderland and Manchester City before a short and unhappy spell with West German club Werder Bremen.

He picked up an FA Cup winners medal with Second Division Sunderland and was a member of Manchester City's League Cup winning side of 1976.

Ironically, his debut for Stoke was against City at Maine Road — a club where he made 146 League appearances.

"I still have a lot of friends up in Manchester and it was a great place to start my Stoke career," said Dave, who impressed in his

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FRONT COVER: Spurs defender
Paul Miller is challenged by
Aston Villa striker David
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WATSON

OUR 'Target Spain' spotlight this week switches from the young hopefuls to one of the 'old' campaigners bidding to regain his place in the England side.

Out of favour at both club and international level, the career of Dave Watson as a top level performer looked to be drawing to a close.

Now his move to Stoke has given him a new lease of life . . . and new hope for Spain.

But, as reporter Anthony Hawksell discovers, it nearly came too late . . .



NEARLY QUIT says Dave Watson

new team's 1-1 draw against the championship challengers.

Dave had no problems settling down in the Stoke defence because he paired up with his old Maine Road team-mate Mike Doyle.

"Even though I hadn't trained with the lads before my debut, I was happy with the way I settled in to the side. It was great to meet up with Mike again," he admitted.

Now Dave, who signed an 18 month contract with the Midlands club, is looking forward to helping the team up the First Division . . . and of course helping his own England ambitions.

Right: West Ham's Alvin Martin proudly steps out at Wembley for the friendly against Brazil. He also claimed the number five shirt for the crucial World Cup qualifier against Hungary, but, says Dave Watson: "Anyone could have played centre-half that night."

Far right: Dave Watson in the England shirt that he hopes to win back for Spain.



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A panel that included Sir Stanley Rous, Bobby Charlton and Frank McLintock felt Albion provided the most entertaining football and charisma during the month.

Manager Ronnie Allen and the players received replica momentos and a £2,000 cheque was presented to the Variety Club from the sponsors, Omega Chewing Gum, towards a Sunshine Coach.



LEEDS midfield player Alex Sabella has returned home to Argentina.

He arrived in England in July 1978 when Sheffield United couldn't afford the World Cup duo of Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricky Villa.

United invited Tottenham to take over their interest and settled for buying Alex from River Plate for a modest £160,000.

GEORGE Kerr became the first managerial casualty of the year when sacked by Second Division strugglers Grimsby.

He took Grimsby to within five points of the First Division last season just three years after guiding the Humberside club from Division Four.

But with 14 months of a three-year contract left to run and the club facing a grim relegation battle, he was sacked two days after a home defeat by Orient.

IPSWICH went to the top of the First Division on January 5 with a 3-2 home victory over Birmingham.

And it was almost one year to the day that they did the very same thing with a 5-1 crushing of Birmingham at Portman Road.

Two of the scorers that night, Paul Mariner and Alan Brazil, were also on target this time, and the victory came just three days after Ipswich had beaten Birmingham in the FA Cup at St Andrews.

★ **FORMER Newcastle manager Bill McGarry is now scouting for his ex-Wolves skipper Mike Bailey at Brighton.**

★ Bill has been out of football since leaving the Second Division club last year.

★ Now he has linked up with Brighton's Mike Bailey who was club skipper at Wolves when Bill was manager.

Barnsley's Banks- the new Charlton

BARNSELY'S Ian Banks, who has made a big contribution to his side's record-breaking League Cup run, was the Robinson's Barley Water Young Player of the Month for December.

He was chosen by a panel that included England manager Ron Greenwood, his Welsh adversary Mike England plus Bobby Collins, Jackie Milburn, Joe Mercer, Stan Cullis and Bill Nicholson.

Yorkshire panellist Bobby Collins, the former Leeds and Scotland forward, said: "Ian reminds me very much of a young Bobby Charlton. He can beat people both ways and can hit a ball with both feet.

"Leeds were talking about £250,000 . . . but he's worth double that."

Bob Greenwood added: "I was

"Leeds were talking about £250,000... but he's worth double that."

England boss Ron Greenwood added: "I was very impressed by the lad in the League Cup win over Manchester City. He will obviously figure in next season's reckoning for the England Under-21 side."

Regional nominations: North West —
Tranmere's Dave Burgess; North East —
Sunderland's Nick Pickering; Midlands —
Coventry's Danny Thomas; London and South —
Southampton's Steve Moran; Wales and West,
Cardiff's Tarki Micalllef.

Pen pals

**I AM a 15-year-old Ipswich supporter who would like a pen pal of about the same age who also follows Ipswich either from that area or abroad.
Hilary Armstrong, 60 Alder Drive, Chelmsford, Essex.**

I AM a 17-year-old devoted Aston Villa supporter who would like a boy pen pal of around the same age who also follows Villa.
Christine Lawrence, 148
Redstone Farm Road, Hall Green,
Birmingham.

I AM a 17-year-old Nottingham Forest fan who would like a male

or female pen pal, preferably one from the Nottingham area.
Susan Parker, 10 Milton Gardens,
Oadby, Leicester.

**I AM a 15-year-old fan of English football and I am looking for a pen pal of about my own age with a view to exchanging football souvenirs, etc.
Ronald Ubener, Claussenstrabe 4, 2850 Bremerhaven, West Germany.**

I AM a 14-year-old Blackburn supporter who would like a female pen pal of about the same

age who regularly supports Crystal Palace.
Andrew Marsh, 13 Montague Street, Clitheroe, Lancs.

I AM a 14-year-old St Johnstone supporter and would like a pen pal who supports any teams. Craig Miler, 3 Strathearn Place, Tullylumb, Perth, Scotland.

**I AM a 17-year-old Barnsley fan who would like a pen pal from anywhere in the country aged between 17 and 19.
Darryll Sedgwick, 50 King Edward Street, Monk Bretton, Barnsley, South Yorks.**

COLIN'S A COMIC STRIP HERO



THE League Cup threw up one of those fairytale moments when Barnsley's third choice striker Colin Walker (left) was pitched into the big-time at Liverpool.

It was a Boys Own comic strip story with a former dustman being hauled off the scrap heap to face the European Champions in his senior debut.

And the young striker almost produced a dramatic winner for the Second Division giantkillers in the goalless Quarter-Final at Anfield.

It was quite a trip for Colin through soccer's backwaters to the dazzling heights of a debut in front of the famous Kop.

He broke his leg twice in 11 months as a

17-year-old amateur at Barnsley before moving to non-League Matlock and then crossed the other side of the world to New Zealand.

At one time he worked as a dustman in Rotherham before getting a second chance with Barnsley 15 months ago.

With Derrick Parker and Glyn Riley injured, Colin was called up to partner Trevor Aylott in a Barnsley side that had already dumped out First Division teams Swansea, Brighton and Manchester City.

Colin summed up his debut: "People say you never remember your debut, but I'll remember everything."

Match Chat

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

Mike's misery

MIKE Robinson, Brighton's Republic of Ireland striker, has received another injury setback.

Out of the game for a month with knee ligament trouble, he suffered a recurrence of the injury during the FA Cup third round replay victory over non-League Barnet.

He limped out of the 3-1 win in the first half and faces another lengthy absence.

Gorgeous Gary

YOUNG Everton full back Gary Stevens has already earned himself a fan club on Merseyside.

Everton fans Hilary Atty and Lynn McCarron have formed one, operating from 6 Paulsfield Drive, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside.

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'I've been forced out' says Alan

WALSALL striker Alan Buckley, who guided the Midlands club to promotion from the Fourth Division two seasons ago, wants a transfer.

He is unhappy at the club decision to put Neil Martin in sole charge of the first team after they had begun the season as joint managers.

"I feel I have been forced into this position," says the 30-year-old player, who sandwiched a brief spell with Birmingham during his two periods with Walsall.

"There is no personality clash with Neil — but I do not think I am his kind of player."

Alan has spent recent matches on the substitute's bench.

Steve's Welsh target

WREXHAM'S 19-year-old striker Steve Jones has one burning ambition — to play for Wales at every level.

He has already represented his country at schoolboy and youth level and is now battling to earn a regular spot in his home team, Wrexham.

Steve, who joined Wrexham straight from school, made his League debut against Luton in March last year.

He's a fair Rugby Union player, too, having played for North Wales at Under-13, 15 and 18 level. Basketball, cricket and swimming honours for N. Wales have also come his way.

England honour Taylor

AN England team is to play Manchester City at Maine Road on Tuesday, February 9, in a testimonial game in aid of the family of former England coach Bill Taylor, who died suddenly last month.

BARNWELL BOWS OUT

JOHN Barnwell became the first manager to part company with a First Division club this season when he resigned at the start of the New Year.

After several disagreements with club chairman Harry Marshall, the former Peterborough manager decided to quit.

During his three years at Molineux, Wolves won the League Cup and reached two FA Cup semi-finals.

'Scandalous' says Barnes

THE most audacious bid of the season came from lowly Fourth Division club Halifax.

Their colourful chairman, Mr Sam Rorke, actually approached Yorkshire neighbours Leeds United about signing England winger Peter Barnes on a month's loan.

The £900,000 forward, out of favour at Elland Road, described the move as 'scandalous'.

The Halifax chief admitted that the offer was somewhat 'cheeky' but added: "It just occurred to me that Peter Barnes would have been better off in our first team than in Leeds Reserves."

Leeds manager Allan Clarke simply rejected the approach without discussing it with his costly winger.

Spain welcomes Subbuteo

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Right: Wynton Rufer — darling of the 'Kiwis' and, one day, hopefully the Canaries too!

Why a Kiwi flew round the World to join the Canaries . . .

BIRDS OF A FEATHER!



NORWICH City, relegated from the First Division last season, have little in common at the moment with East Anglian rivals Ipswich.

But at least the 'Canaries' can share one distinction with their more illustrious neighbours . . . they've got their own World Cup goalscoring hero.

Ipswich can claim the 'toast of England' in Paul Mariner, whose Wembley winner against Hungary last November clinched Ron Greenwood's much-maligned team a place in Spain.

Now Norwich can put the spotlight on new teenage striker Wynton Rufer.

He's hardly a household name to rival the Ipswich forward.

In fact, his only claim to fame in this country is a handful of appearances in Norwich reserves.

But back home in his native New Zealand, he's the 'darling of the Kiwis', for it was his goal against China which earned his country a passage into the World Cup Finals for the first time.

So while his England and regional counterpart prepares for Spain in the heat of First Division battle, young Wynton might have to be content with a few reserve matches.

But in just a few short months, he has become something of a national

hero and achieved an ambition to join an English club.

His arrival at Norwich earlier this season, along with brother Shane, stemmed from a summer visit of 'Canaries' forward Peter Mendham to widen his experience in New Zealand.

Part of the deal was to invite two or three New Zealand players to the East Anglian club for trials.

Wynton, who sacrificed his job as a trainee shipping manager to seek fame and fortune on the other side of the world, did enough to convince manager Ken Brown that he could make it, but brother Shane wasn't so lucky and returned home.

Ambition

"I played about a dozen matches in the Norwich reserve side before being called up to join the New Zealand World Cup squad in the Middle East," says the 19-year-old who has eight international caps.

"It had always been an ambition of mine to play in England, and it was great to be able to come to a club where I knew at least one of the players.

"I hope that playing in the World Cup qualifying matches will have widened my experience and boosted confidence so, when the time comes, I'm ready for Second Division football.

"Obviously I hope to make an impression in England and hopefully one day get a chance to play in the First Division."

As he attempts to come to terms with the British winter, young Wynton can at least look forward to the Spanish sunshine.

He scored four goals in New Zealand's last three matches, including what proved to be the winner against China in the Singapore play-off to see who accompanied Kuwait to the Finals.

"I wouldn't say we were the best team in the group with regard to individual skill, but I believe we were the best organised and deserved to qualify," he says.

"All the players in New Zealand are part-time with some of the better ones having joined Australian clubs as professionals. But all the top coaches in New Zealand are English.

"Having never played against any of the major soccer nations, it's difficult to assess our chances in the World Cup.

"Obviously we are not going to win it, but on the other hand I don't think we will disgrace ourselves.

"I suppose we could get hammered 9-0 or produce some surprises like North Korea did in England in 1966.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge."

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BATSON LIVES IN HOPE...

BRENDON Batson believes it would take a "drastic" loss of form for any of the current England team to lose their places in the run-up to Spain.

But Brendon, who recently patched up his differences with West Brom after more than a month on the transfer list, lives in hope... at least of making the squad.

And as one of the most accomplished right-backs in the business, his hope is fully justified.

Capped

Liverpool's Phil Neal (currently first choice), Nottingham Forest's Viv Anderson, Leeds' Trevor Cherry and Ipswich skipper Mick Mills have all filled the England right-back berth during the last five years.

So a new man for the number two shirt is far from out of the

A MONTH ago, defender Brendon Batson looked set to quit West Brom — the club that gave him his First Division chance.

Now he's happy to be staying at The Hawthorns and here he talks of his 'about-turn' decision... and his hopes at international level.

question. And Brendon was capped on three occasions for the England 'B' side last year.

He told Match Weekly: "Any player worth his salt has got to believe he has a chance of playing for England.

"International honours have come late for me. My England 'B' caps last year were my first at any level so I regard them as a bonus.

"But I still live in hope. I'm playing as well as I've ever played now, but if my best's not good enough then I have to accept that.

"If I'm honest, I believe it would take a really drastic loss of form for anyone to lose their place in the England team.

"I only need to look at my team-mate Derek Statham when I say that. He must be wondering what he's got to do to get a chance.

Effort

"Of course to get in the 22 for Spain would be the chance of a lifetime. All I can do is give it my best effort," says Brendon who will be 29 next month.

And the former Cambridge United player is in exactly the right frame of mind to do just that now that he has declared his intention to see his contract through with West Brom.

"I believe going on the transfer list did me good. It's completely cleared the air and I know now I have a future at West Brom.

"Manager Ronnie Allen twice asked me to come off the list and that helped make up my mind that I was wanted by the club.

"Looking back, I think it was a case of me getting caught up in all the transfer upheavals at the club.

"There was a little friction between myself and the manager and I wasn't playing particularly well at the time.

"My form wasn't consistent enough. I didn't feel at ease so I

had a talk with the manager and asked for a move. I didn't feel I had a future with West Bromwich Albion.

"He told me that if he could find the right replacement and a good enough offer for me came in he would let me go, but he wasn't prepared to leave the side weakened in any way.

"Because I was still under contract, any approaches would have been made through the club but I know Manchester City came in.

"You can only stay on the list for so long, however, and now after a clear-the-air meeting, I'm happy to be staying at West Brom.

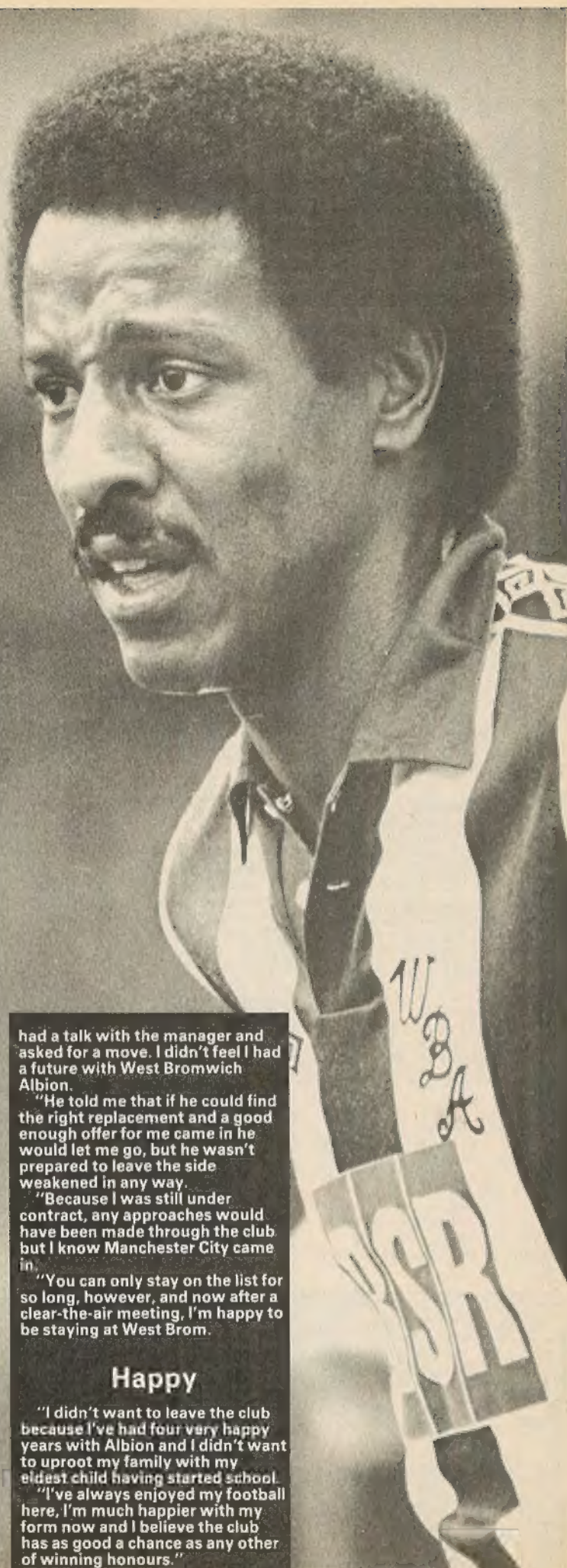
Happy

"I didn't want to leave the club because I've had four very happy years with Albion and I didn't want to uproot my family with my eldest child having started school.

"I've always enjoyed my football here, I'm much happier with my form now and I believe the club has as good a chance as any other of winning honours."



Derek Statham — "He must be wondering what he's got to do to get a chance at international level."



That was the week that was

**JAN 30
- FEB 6**

MATCH WEEKLY takes a fascinating look back at some of the notable football events that took place this corresponding week in years gone by.

TUEART RETURNS TO CITY

Jan. 31, 1980

FORMER England striker Dennis Tueart returns to Maine Road for his second spell with Manchester City.

Dennis, who's currently sidelined with an achilles tendon injury that's expected to keep him out all season, was snapped up by City boss John Bond for £150,000 from New York Cosmos.



Sheffield Wednesday's midfield star Gary Megson — he was transferred from Plymouth to Everton this week two years ago.

MEGSON MOVES

EVERTON manager Gordon Lee signs young Plymouth midfielder star Gary Megson for £250,000. Gary played just 22 League games for 'The Toffees' before moving to Sheffield Wednesday in the close season.

Leeds defender Byron

Feb. 1, 1980

Stevenson is banned by UEFA from playing international matches for four years after being sent off in a European Championship qualifier between Wales and Turkey.

Burnley splash out

Feb. 3, 1976

BURNLEY splash out £100,000 to take young winger Tony Morley from neighbours Preston.

Tony, who picked up a championship medal with Aston Villa last season, made 91 League appearances at Turf Moor.

FOREST GO TO WEMBLEY

Jan. 30, 1979

gives the south coast club a 3-2 aggregate win over Leeds in the other semi-final.

Southampton and Terry, who's now with Sheffield Wednesday, lost the final at Wembley 3-2.

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Jan. 31, 1978

LONDON clubs go Cup crazy. Chelsea hammer six past Burnley while city neighbours Queens Park Rangers hit West Ham for six in the FA Cup.

Scorers for Chelsea in their 6-2 success were current skipper Micky Droy, Ken Swain (now with Villa), Steve Wicks (Palace), Clive Walker, Tommy Langley (Palace), and Ray Wilkins (Man. Utd).

For Rangers, Don Givens, John Hollins (Arsenal), Viv Busby (2), Stan Bowles (Brentford), and Leighton James (Swansea) were the scorers.

BRIAN Clough's Nottingham Forest reach the League Cup Final for the second year running when they draw 0-0 with Watford.

On the same night, a goal from Southampton striker Terry Curran

MATCH WINNERS

SIX super Bill Shankly colour prints are on their way to the winners of our Liverpool competition, which appeared in the January 9 issue.

The winners are: Gordon Walker, Bootle, Liverpool; Andrew Farley,

Fowey, Cornwall, H. Kassim, Sanderstead, Surrey; N. A. Matkin, Walsgrove, Coventry; Stephen Cutter, Walthamstow, London E17; Robert Ashfield, Penn, Wolverhampton.

Ricky Villa, our Argentinian midfield star, couldn't get past the security guards on duty in our new stand.



A PETER Shilton super show stopped us beating Nottingham Forest by at least four clear goals as we marched into the semi-finals of the League Cup.

The England 'keeper also became the first man in six years to stop one of my penalties when he saved two of my spot kicks in as many minutes during a series of amazing incidents.

The drama unfolded when Garth Crooks was brought down by Forest defender Bryn Gunn in the area. I must admit

that I didn't think it was a foul but the referee awarded a penalty.

I hammered my first shot to Peter's right but he did very well to beat it out. To my relief, the referee gave me another chance because some Forest players had encroached into the area.

When the arguing from the visiting players had died down, I drove my second effort to Peter's right and scored.

But to my amazement, the referee ordered me to take the kick for a third time because he claimed some of our players had crept into the area.

By this time, the whole thing was becoming a bit of a lottery and it was getting difficult to concentrate. I changed my direction again and Peter proved his world class with an incredible save.

Funnily enough, I missed a penalty earlier that day when I cracked the ball against the post in a practice match. I was persuaded to have a go even though I don't like taking spot kicks on the day of the match. I don't think I'll ever do it again!

Ossie Ardiles made sure that we came within sight of Wembley again when he scored the only goal of the game.



Forest keeper Peter Shilton put up a tremendous performance in our League Cup tie at White Hart Lane.

England midfielder Glenn Hoddle writes exclusively for Match. Here he talks about

Spurs' latest Cup success against Nottingham Forest.

SHOWDOWN WITH SHILTON!

Penalty hero Peter shows his class, says
GLENN HODDLE



Left: My penalty beats Everton keeper Jim Arnold in our League meeting at home earlier this season. If I get a penalty on Saturday against them I hope I don't have to go through the same routine as I did against Forest.

But we've got to shut thoughts of Wembley out of our minds because we've got so many other competitions to concentrate on.

Our League Cup tie against Forest marked the opening of our new stand end, though it's a marvellous building, it's a bit like Colditz to get into!

There are so many security men around making sure that only people with the proper passes can get in. Our Argentinian international Ricky Villa was refused entry to one section because the guard didn't recognise him!

The dressing rooms make a warm and roomy change from the cabins we've been having to change in over the past couple of months and the whole place is luxurious.

The talking point of last week has been the World Cup draw which has paired us with France, Czechoslovakia and Kuwait.

And although we could have had a far more difficult group — like poor Scotland — it's not going to be easy.

Even Kuwait will have to be watched very carefully. Teams like that will always snatch a point here and there and could well spoil someone's chances of qualifying for the later stages.

Spurs know a little more than most about the so-called 'no-hopers' of Kuwait because we beat their national team 3-1 in a friendly a couple of years back.

Although tactically they are miles behind us, they could still

spring some surprises. They are very skilful, fast and can produce the unexpected.

It's lucky that we don't play them until last. By then, they'll have played a couple of games and lost much of their enthusiasm.

But the World Cup is the last thing on my mind as I prepare for our League game against Everton at Goodison Park on Saturday.

We'll be going up there looking for a win so that we can keep up the pressure on the First Division leaders. No matter how many cup competitions we are in, there's no guarantee that we'll reach the final of any of them.

The title is the prize that the players want to win and we'll be determined to do the double

over the Merseysiders.

Earlier this season we beat them 3-0 at home and I scored our last goal from the spot.

I must admit that they didn't impress me much then, but they've since added Adrian Heath from Stoke to their midfield.

Adrian is a player I've always rated and if he can settle down quickly, I'm sure he'll do very well there. He should respond to having better players around him.

Glenn Hoddle



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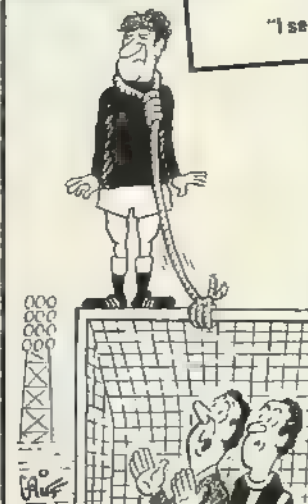
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Son "He doesn't like it mum and I'd
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"Having a transfer doesn't
necessarily mean going to another
club, lads."

FOOTBALL CRAZY





One time England captain and now Q.P.R. reserve Gerry Francis talks to Match about his decision to turn down 'permanent' First Division football...

Why Coventry's NOT for me!

'Even if Man. Utd. tried to sign me I'd say no.'

FORMER England skipper Gerry Francis doesn't want to take up Coventry's offer of 'permanent' First Division football.

Gerry was languishing in the Queen's Park Rangers reserve team before his old boss Dave Sexton took him to Highfield Road on a month's loan.

And although the Midlands club are keen to make the move permanent, Gerry is reluctant to move out of London where he has many business interests.

"Even if Manchester United or Liverpool tried to sign me now the answer would be no," explained Gerry.

"I'm 30-years-old and I haven't got that long left as a player. I've got to look to the future and my business interests are very important to me.

"United tried to sign me when I was 26. If the deal had gone through then I'd have had no hesitation in making the move from London.

"But I'm delighted that Coventry have given me the chance of playing First Division football again. I know I'm still good enough."

Gerry returned to Q.P.R., the club where he started his career, in February last year after a short spell with Crystal Palace. But this season his first team chances have been limited and he's played just seven Second Division games.

"I was injured against Rotherham in November when I crashed into the goalpost. Since then I haven't played in the first team even though I've been fit."

"Although I don't want to leave Rangers, reserve team football is no good to me at my age.

"One of the problems this season is that I've only played in my proper role once. I've been played at sweeper but

the role I prefer is in midfield.

Despite his tribulations at Rangers, Gerry doesn't regret his return to the club where he first made his name.

"I left Palace because I couldn't get on with the people coming in. Queen's Park Rangers have the potential to get back into the First Division and I believe they'll do it."

Gerry's career has been beset by injury and his last appearance for England was as captain in 1976 when he led his country to a 4-1 World Cup qualifying win over Finland.

"I realise that I've said goodbye to my England career," said Gerry, who's made over 400 League appearances in his time with Palace and Rangers.

"Now I'm really looking forward to helping Coventry. I'm used to working with youngsters. I had the same job at Palace."

Looking to the future Gerry hopes to carve out a career in the game. He says: "I've been a player-coach at Palace and I'd like to further my career in that side of the game."

"But my only interest at the moment is helping Coventry climb up the First Division."

Ironically, Gerry was due to make his debut against the team that wanted to sign him a couple of years back — Manchester United.

But the Old Trafford club had to postpone the First Division fixture because the Manchester pitch was frozen.

Coventry hastily re-arranged a game with League leaders Ipswich and Gerry made his first appearance for the Midlands club in their 4-2 defeat.

SOCCERWORD

MATCH'EM UP

MATCH up the managers with their home grounds.

- 1 Mel Sutton
- 2 Larry Lloyd
- 3 John Duncan
- 4 Bryan Hamilton
- 5 John Trollope

- (a) County Ground
- (b) Old Show Ground
- (c) Racecourse Ground
- (d) Springfield Park
- (e) Prenton Park

BLANKETY BLANK

- 1 Watford's Jan Lohman was signed from Belgian club ...
- 2 West Ham signed Francois Van der Elst from American club ...
- 3 Stoke's Dave Watson once spent a spell abroad with German club ...
- 4 Manchester City's new full-back John Ryan was signed from ...
- 5 West Brom striker Cyrille Regis was signed from non-League ...
- 6 Fourth Division ... were knocked out of the FA Cup Second Round by non-League Altrincham.

PLAYER JUMBLE

CAN you work out the name of an England international from this jumble of letters?

RDVNIEOSVNA

Ed dge (anagram) — he's hoping to turn up this striker (6)
Do they ring one if he scores for Blackburn? (4)
Eusebio, Peter Lorimer and Jimmy Greenhoff have all played for this Canadian club in the NASL (7)
The month this season started (6)
Italian club which knocked Ballymena out of this season's European Cup-Winners Cup (4)
Graham managed Oxford before Jimmy Bloomfield's first turn (4)
Brown managed Oxford United before 12 across (4)
Is this Scottish international (who has given good service to Notts County) a mother boy? (6)
With which Sheffield United put down the opposition? (6)
Asprey managed Oxford

United before Ian Graaves (4)
Gates on the side at Portman Road (4)
Pat could make a name for himself from 20 across (4)
One of PNE's three managers in 1981 (6)
League positions used to be decided on goal — (7)
The Parkinson who took Christmas to Mansfield (4)
A 1 down. Next season this ground will be the home of two League clubs (8,4)
Down
1. See 27 across
2. 'Radio' (anagram) — turned in by Gradl (5)
3. Welsh international with Palace (3,5)
5. Get the leveler (8)
6. Alan — became Doncaster's dearest-ever player when they signed him from Burnley in 1979 (6)
7. Keeper who set a club record 22 consecutive appearances for WBA before

stepping down in November (6)
The thing to see Saturday! (5)
This could be Boro's second strip (3,5)
See 19 down
Famous old Sunderland Arsenal and England forward who for many years was commemorated the name of a

soccer magazine (6)
It sounds as if Brandon likes what Boycott does! (6)
A 15 down. They sold the crowd back (5,8)
Something the crowd recites (5)
Where England were knocked out of the 1970 World Cup final by West Germany (it's a turn-up for 20 across!) (4)



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HERE are four World Cup stars, two from Britain and two from Europe. Can you name them and their countries? Here are some clues

Picture A — Second Division defender from over the sea.

Picture B — Juventus 'wonder boy'.

Picture C — West German goalscoring hero in 1980 European Championships.

Picture D — Central defender from north of the border.

Entries must reach us by Friday, February 5 and results will appear in the February 20 issue.

The book is published by Faber and Faber Ltd and costs £2.95. The World Cup finalists have until the beginning of June to

- 1 The Shrimpers
- 2 The Royals
- 3 The Merry Millers
- 4 The Dale
- 5 The Shaymen

(a) Reading
(b) Halifax
(c) Southend
(d) Rotherham
(e) Rochdale

BLANKELY BLANK: 1. Lokareri; 2. New York Cosmos; 3. Wander Bremen; 4. Sheffield United
LEAGUE CUP TEASER: 1. Jimmy Nicholls; 2. Ray Kennedy
Hayes: 6 York
WATFORD: 8 Queens; 9. Park Rangers; 7. Aston Villa; 6. Norwich City
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PICTURE QUIZ: A. Brian's Mail Donaghy; B. Northern Ireland; C. Italy's Roberto Baggio
SOCCER WORD: 1. Goals; 4. Ball; 3. Toronto; 10. August; 11. Rome; 12. Dick; 13. Mike; 14. Mason (male sex); 17. Brides; 18. Bill; 20. Eric; 21. Rice (American); 22. Billy
Average: 23. Noel; 27 & 1 down, London Gate (Irish)
Devil: 1. Joe; 27 scores; 2. Dario; 3. Ian Wright; 5. Equiano; 6. Llew; 7. Gordon; 8. Mandy
22. Cheat: 22/1; 23/1

8 Manchester United reached the last four in 1975. Who ended their final hopes?

FAIRY-TALE FULL BACK!

Stunned Ryan gets a First Division recall at 34!

JOHN Ryan talks to Match Weekly about his fairy-tale return to First Division action at the age of 34...

"UNBELIEVABLE" . . . that's the only word new Manchester City full back John Ryan could select from his extensive vocabulary to describe his shock move from Fourth Division Sheffield United.

Just picture the scene on a quiet Thursday afternoon.

One minute John is relaxing in front of the television preparing for a Division Four clash with fellow promotion rivals Wigan.

The next, he's on the way to Maine Road for a First Division date with Stoke City and the possibility of a coaching position when his contract ends next season.

"I know that unbelievable is an over-used

word in football, but it seems to fit this situation," says the popular former Fulham, Luton, Norwich and Seattle utility player.

"To be plucked from the Fourth Division to the First at any age is fantastic.

"But when it happens at the age of 34 and you move to one of the biggest clubs in the country with a possible coaching job at the end of it, well, it is unbelievable.

"There are a lot of players more experienced than me who never get a job when they finish playing.

"But here I've got one lined-up with a team that is bidding for the First Division Championship."

John recalled the dramatic phone call which re-united him with his former Norwich boss John Bond.

"The telephone rang around mid-day while I was watching television. I told my wife to say that I wasn't in.

"She came back into the room and said that the boss wanted to speak to me. I have always referred to John Bond as the boss.

"I wonder what that pest wants?" I asked him.

"How do you fancy playing in the First Division again," said the City boss.

"It may be only for a couple of games while Ray Ranson is out, but if I think you deserve to be in the side, then you'll be in it.

"And there will be a coaching job when it becomes available, probably next year.

"Can you get to Maine Road in time to beat the signing deadline?"

"My reaction was quite obvious: I'll get to Maine Road on time if I have to fly," I told him.

"Being very friendly with John's son Kevin, I had often been to Maine Road to watch City.

"I must admit that there were times when I felt really envious of the players.

"City's style is very much like that of Norwich a few years ago and I often felt that I could still do a good job in the First Division.

"But I never dreamed that I would ever get the chance again.

"I must admit that I was really nervous against Stoke but I think I did well considering I hadn't played in the First Division for around three years.

"I hope I can get a few more games in the first team before the end of the season, either at full back or in midfield."

John returned from Seattle nearly two years ago in the hope of landing a coaching job in England.

That's why he linked up with his former Luton manager Harry Haslam at Sheffield United.

"I was being lined up as coach when Martin Peters eventually stepped up to manage the side, but the move came quicker than expected," explains John.

"As a result, Martin didn't think I was experienced enough to be his number two at that time, which was something of a disappointment.

"But it has been an education to watch new manager Ian Porterfield build a team from scratch and I'm grateful to him for releasing me because it has left him with a big gap to fill in the United team.

"If it hadn't been for the coaching chance at the end of my playing contract, then he told me he wouldn't have released me."



John Ryan in action for Manchester City against Stoke — he can't believe his luck.

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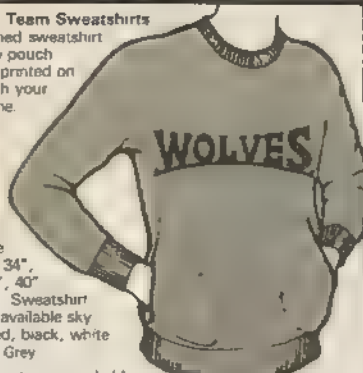
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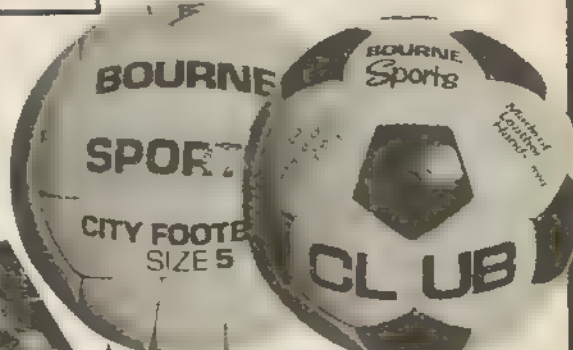
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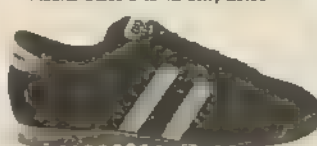
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ALAN BALL

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First Division
with
Southampton**

A BALL IN THE WALL... Alan (second left) marshalls Southampton's defensive barrier with (from left) David Armstrong, Mike Channon and Steve Moran.



MARCHING IN WITH THE SAINTS!

SOUTHAMPTON were fourth from the bottom of the Second Division when I joined them in December 1976.

People thought I was mad to take my talents from the top flight to help a team battling desperately to avoid relegation to the Third Division.

But I knew that manager Lawrie McMenemy was on the right lines at The Dell and, at the end of my first season on the south coast, we'd managed a respectable ninth in the League.

The club had a lot of good players on their staff at the time — players of the ability of former Chelsea and England striker Peter Osgood and Scottish international Ted MacDougall.

We had a very good home record but just couldn't keep up the consistency away. However, following the purchase of central defender Chris Nicholl from Aston Villa in the close season, I was convinced we'd be promoted in 1977-78.

And I was right. We lost just two of our last 23 games and finished runners-up to Bolton Wanderers. The other team to come up with us were Spurs.

Manchester United and Spurs were both relegated to the Second Division in the

seventies and the experience has done them no harm at all.

They have both enjoyed success since their return to the top flight. A spell in the Second Division serves to show teams that they've got no divine right to a place in the First Division.

Lawrie McMenemy had built a team full of experience. He wasn't scared to buy characters and we repaid him with promotion.

Our first season back in the First Division saw us finish 14th and enjoy very good runs in both cup competitions.

We reached the final of the League Cup only to go down 3-2 to Nottingham Forest after taking the lead through skipper David Peach.

Forest clinched the Cup for the second year running with two goals from their young striker Garry Birtles (now at Manchester United) and one from Tony Woodcock.

It was bitter disappointment to me because, once again, I'd finished up as a Wembley loser in a domestic cup final.

In the FA Cup, we went out to my old club Arsenal 2-0. The Gunners went on to win the trophy by beating Manchester United

At the end of the season, Lawrie McMenemy rewarded me for my three years hard work. He told me that Philadelphia Furies wanted me to play for them and he'd agreed to let me go.

"You've earned a working holiday in the sun. Take up their offer," he told me.

It was anything but a holiday for me. Playing for the Furies was simply hard work. We didn't have a good team and we struggled.

My second season in America with Vancouver Whitecaps was much more enjoyable because we finally ended New York Cosmos' domination by winning the Soccer Bowl.

Our team were nicknamed the 'English Mafia' because we had so many stars from Britain in the side. Playing with me in that team were stars like Kevin Hector (Derby), Trevor Whymark (Grimsby), Roger Kenyon (former Everton) and John Craven.

I thoroughly enjoyed my spell in America even though I'll never play there again. I've seen it all and have no wish to go back.

NEXT WEEK... managerial problems at troubled Blackpool... Southampton's championship challenge... my future.

Antognoni on the way back

ITALIAN midfield star Giancarlo Antognoni, who almost died in a collision with a goalkeeper during a League match earlier this season, should be available for the World Cup Finals.

BRAZIL ARE WORTHY FAVOURITES

BRAZIL'S amazing international record for 1981 confirms their ranking as favourites for the World Cup.

In 16 international matches during the year, they lost only one and chalked up 12 wins, scoring 35 goals against nine.

The only team to beat Brazil was Uruguay, in the Gold Cup tournament in Montevideo.

Meanwhile, Brazilian manager Tele Santana reckons Spain could pose a big threat to his country's hopes of winning the World Cup.

He maintains they are the second most dangerous side in the Finals behind West Germany. His top four challengers to Brazil's bid for their fourth world title are: West Germany, Spain, Belgium and Argentina.

Roma burning to sign Zico!

ITALIAN Championship chasers Roma are chasing Brazilian World Cup star Zico.

The club's president, Dino Viola, says he is willing to pay three million dollars for Zico's services next season and so dismiss the rivalry of AC Milan for the striker's signature.

"Milan failed in their bid last summer because they did not convince Zico. We are convinced that he will be playing for Roma next season," adds Snr Viola.



Scrapbook

GERMANS RULE IN EUROPE

WEST GERMANY have been the most successful team in the history of the European Cup, according to a survey by France Football.

During the year, the Germans were unbeaten against European opposition, losing three matches to Argentina and Brazil (twice) and to topple the Germans.

Equal second in the rankings were the greatly improved Yugoslavs. Fourth were Hungary, followed by Scotland, Spain, Poland, Denmark, Switzerland and Belgium.

England and Northern Ireland were joint fifth, having won one place each in the European Cup.

England's record in the World Cup was won two, drew two, lost five. Scotland's was played two, lost two, drew two.

Spain, the most successful European team, won two, drew two, lost five.

19 weeks to go...

PEPE'S UNDER PRESSURE

TWO goals from Real Sociedad striker Jesus Satriestegui gave Spain a boost when they defeated European Championship runners-up Belgium 2-0 in Valencia.

But the result didn't please everyone and Spanish manager Pepe Santamaria is coming under fire for not playing orthodox wingers.

This has meant no place in

the current side for Real Madrid winger Juanito, the match winner for Spain when they beat England 2-1 at Wembley last March.

But if Santamaria does opt for a winger, then Real Sociedad's Roberto Ufarte could push Juanito for that role.

The 23-year-old has been receiving all kinds of garlands from Spanish soccer writers.

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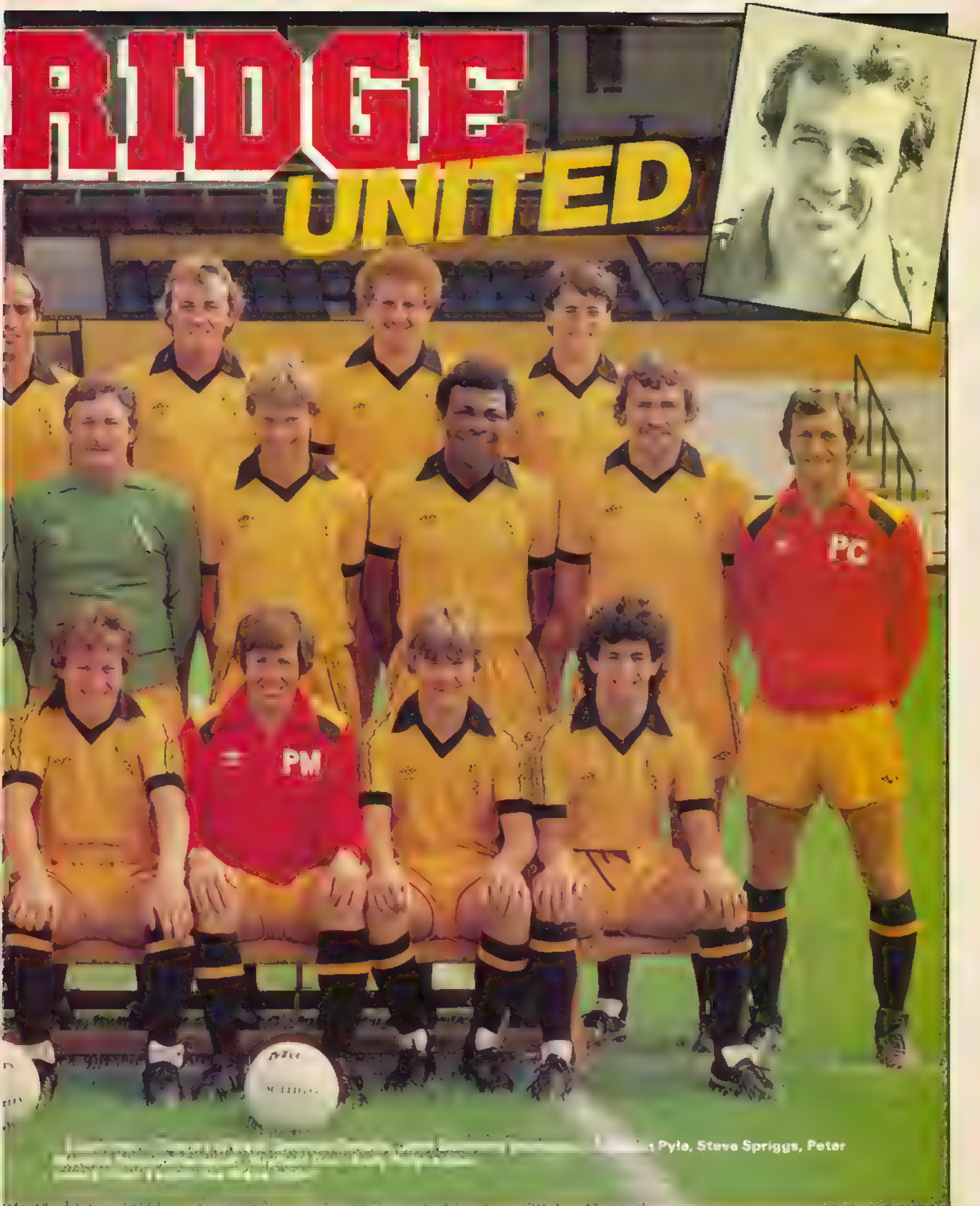
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Villa to win battle of the heavyweights!

HERE are Paul Stratton's selected matches for this Saturday, together with those of his special guest opponent.

There's a space for you to fill in your forecasts and a column for the actual result.

Award yourself two points for every score you get right and one point if you get the result right (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoring is wrong.

Carry your points total forward each week.

BEAT PAUL'S PREDICTIONS

MATCH	MY FORECAST	GUESTS FORECAST	YOUR FORECAST	RESULT
Aston Villa v Liverpool	1-0	2-0		
Man. City v Birmingham	2-0	3-1		
Middlesbro' v So'ton	0-1	1-1		
Chelsea v Shrewsbury	2-0	2-1		
C. Palace v Q.P.R.	1-2	0-1		
Carlisle v Lincoln	3-0	1-2		
Plymouth v Brentford	1-2	1-0		
P'boro v Stockport	3-0	1-0		
Sheff. Utd. v Hull	4-0	2-1		
Morton v Partick	1-0	3-0		

WHO WON THIS WEEK?

POINTS SCORED

PAUL _____

YOURSELF _____

Aggregate scores
carried forward
to next week

PAUL _____

YOURSELF _____

ASTON Villa can win the battle of champions past and present on Saturday.

Liverpool's visit to Villa Park promises to provide five-star entertainment.

After shaky starts, both former title holders Liverpool and current title champions Villa have produced performances to suggest they are far from finished this season.

So, weather permitting, the fans are in for a feast and I believe it's the home supporters who will go home happy.

Dennis Mortimer's return from injury has given Villa the boost they needed and, with Tony Morley looking really sharp — his confidence boosted by his England debut — Liverpool will have a tough job getting a result.

For Liverpool, Eire international Ronnie Whelan is fast making a name for himself as a danger man and he's one for the champions to watch closely, but it's Villa for me... 1-0.

Meanwhile, up in Manchester, City will be looking for revenge against Birmingham.

They were beaten 3-0 at St Andrews



Pictured left is my special guest opponent this week — Match reader Paul Wilson of Waltham Abbey, Essex. Paul is a Spurs fan and his favourite players are Glenn Hoddle and Steve Perryman.

FIXTURES

Friday, Jan 29

DIVISION THREE

Doncaster v Wimbledon

Saturday, Jan. 30

DIVISION ONE

Arsenal v Leeds
Aston Villa v Liverpool
Coventry v Brighton
Everton v Spurs
Ipswich v Notts Co.
Man. City v Birmingham
Middlesbro' v So'ton
Nott'm F v Stoke
Swansea v Man. Utd
West Ham v W.B.A.
Wolves v Sunderland

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley v Cambridge
Blackburn v Cardiff
Chelsea v Shrewsbury
C. Palace v Q.P.R.
Derby v Sheff. Wed.
Grimsby v Charlton

Luton v Leicester
Newcastle v Norwich
Oldham v Bolton
Rotherham v Watford
Wrexham v Orient

DIVISION THREE

Bristol R. v Reading
Carlisle v Lincoln
Fulham v Chesterfield
Gillingham v Preston
Huddersfield v Burnley
Millwall v Chester
Newport v Bristol C.
Plymouth v Brentford
Preston v Southend
Walsall v Oxford

DIVISION FOUR

Bournemouth v Halifax
Blackpool v Darlington
Bradford v Hereford
Bury v Mansfield
Hartlepool v York
Northampton v Wigan
P'boro v Stockport
Port Vale v Rochdale

Sheff. Utd. v Hull
Torquay v Colchester
Tranmere v Scunthorpe

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen v Celtic
Airdrie v Dundee Utd
Dundee v St. Mirren
Morton v Partick
Rangers v Hibernian

FIRST DIVISION

Clydebank v E. Stirling
Dunfermline v Ayr
Falkirk v Queen's Pk
Hamilton v St. Johnstone
Hearts v Motherwell
Kilmarnock v Dumbarton
Queen of St. v Raith

SECOND DIVISION

Alloa v East Fife
Brechin v Berwick
Clyde v Arbroath
Cowdenbeath v Meadowbank
Forfar v Albion
Stenhousemuir v Stranraer
Stirling v Montrose

Sunday, Jan. 31

DIVISION THREE

Swindon v Exeter

DIVISION FOUR

Aldershot v Crewe

earlier this season but John Bond's men can settle the score.

I've predicted results for ten of Saturday's matches and the challenge is beat me if you can!

My special guest opponent this week is Match reader Paul Wilson of Waltham Abbey, Essex, and you can see his predictions alongside mine in the special panel.

Points are awarded according to how accurate the forecasts are and, if Paul manages to score more points than me, he wins £5!

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Tuesday, Jan. 12

League Cup, Quarter Final

LIVERPOOL (0) 0
BARNLEY (0) 0
 Att 33 707
 Liverpool: Grobbelaar 8, Nea 6, Lawrenson 7, Thompson 7, Whelan 7, Hansen 8, Dalglish 6, Kennedy, A 7, Rush 7, McDermott 7,
***SOUNESS 9**
 Barnley: Horn 8, Joyce 7, Chambers 8, Cooper 7, ***BANKS 9**, McCarthy 6, Evans 7, Walker 7, Aylott 8, McHale 7, Barrowclough 7
 Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)
 Match Rating: ★★★

Wednesday, Jan. 13

Division Two

BLACKBURN (0) 0
CHARLTON (1) 2 (Hales 11, Gritt 60)
 Att 5,825
 Blackburn: Genoe 6, Branagan 6, Rathbone 5, Arnott 6, Keeley 6, Fazackerley 6, Miller 5 (sub Burke 4), Stonehouse 5, Bell 5, ***GARNER 7**, Brotherton 5
 Charlton: Johns 7, Naylor 6, Ferns 6, Gritt 6, McAllister 5, Phillips 5, Ambrose 7, ***WALSH 8**, Hales 6, Berry 6, Robinson 6
 Referee: D. Owen (Bebington)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Bamber 28)
TRANMERE (0) 2 (Williams 47, Hutchinson 56)
 Att 3,329
 Blackpool: Hesford 7, Simonite 6, Pashley 7, Blair 6, Wann 7 (sub Hart 5), Deary 6, Morris 7, ***NOBLE 8**, Bamber 7, Hockaday 7, Harrison 6, Tranmere: Endersby 6, Mungall 7, Burgess 6, Perry 6, Bramhall 6, Williams 7, Hamilton 6,
***HUTCHINSON 9**, Kerr 6, Brown 6, Craven 7
 Referee: P. Tyldesley (Stockport)
 Match Rating: ★★

ROCHDALE (0) 0
HALIFAX (1) 1 (Davison 2)
 Att 1,122
 Rochdale: Poole 7, Cooper 5, Weir 6, Dolan 6, Burke 6, Taylor 6, Goodwin 5, Esser 6, Hilditch 5 (sub ***HAMILTON 8**), Wellings 6, Martinez 5
 Halifax: Smelt 6, Chamberlain 6, Whiteley 6, Evans 6, ***AYRE 7**, Hendrie 6, Ward 6, Davison (sub Firth 8), A. Iott 6, Spooner 6, Graham 6
 Referee: G. Naphthine (Loughborough)
 Match Rating: ★★

Saturday, Jan. 16

Division One

BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Ritchie 77)
WEST HAM (0) 0
 Att 22 620
 Brighton: Moseley 8, Shanks 7, Nelson 8, Greathill 7, Foster 8, Gattling 7, ***RYAN 9**, Ritchie 8, Smith 8, McNab 7, Thomas 7
 West Ham: Parkes 6, ***STEWART 8**, Lampard 7, Bonds 7, Martin 7, Devonshire 6 (sub Van der Elst), Neighbour 6, Goddard 5, Cross 7, Brooking 7, Pike 7
 Referee: G. Naphthine (Loughborough)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

COVENTRY (1) 2 (Hunt 38, Da y 60)
IPSWICH (1) 4 (Wark 20, Muhren 81, Mariner 84, Bazi 87)
 Att 11 719
 Coventry: Blyth 7, Thomas 6, Barnes 7, Francis 7 (sub. Hormantschuk), Oyson 7, Gillespie 7, Bodak 6, Daly 7, Hateley 7, Hendrie 6, ***HUNT 8**
 Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 7, McCall 7, Mills 7, Osman 7, Butcher 7, Wark 7, Muhren 7, Mariner 6, ***BRAZIL 8**, Gates 7
 Referee: J. D. Hough (Macclesfield)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

LEEDS (1) 2 (Stevenson 17, Butterworth 48)
SWANSEA (0) 0
 Att 18,709
 Leeds: Lukic 7, Cherry 6, Gray, F 7, Stevenson 7, Hari 6, Burns 7, Gray, E 7, Graham 6 (sub Greenhoff 6), ***BUTTERWORTH 8**, Hamson 7, Hird 6
 Swansea: Davies 7, Stanley 6, Marustik 7, Rakovic 6, Irwin 6, ***MAHONEY 8**, Curtis 7, James, R 6, Robinson 6, Thompson 6 (sub James, L 6), Latchford 6
 Referee: N. L. Wilson (Macclesfield)
 Match Rating: ★★

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- 4 — Poor

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- ★★★★★ A classic
- ★★★★ Good value
- ★★★ Satisfactory
- ★★ Dull
- ★ A waste of money

LIVERPOOL (0) 2 (Whelan 74, Dalglish 83)
WOLVES (1) 1 (Atkinson 16)
 Att 26 438
 Liverpool: Grobbelaar 7, Neal 6, Lawrenson 6, Thompson 7, Whelan 8, Hansen 7, Dalglish 8, Kennedy, A 6 (sub Johnson), Rush 7, McDermott 7, ***SOUNESS 9**
 Wolves: ***BRADSHAW 9**, Palmer 7, Parkin 7, Daniel 6, Gallagher 7, Barry 8, Matthews 8, Clarke 7, Gray 7, Richards 7, Atkinson 8
 Referee: D. Hutchinson (Oxon)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 (Christie 82)
ASTON VILLA (0) 0
 Att 9 597
 Notts County: ***AVRAMOVIC 9**, Benjamin 8, O'Brien 6, Goodwin 7, Hunt 6, Richards 6, McParland 7, Masson 6, Chiedozie 6 (sub Christie 7), Hooks 6, Mair 6
 Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Swain 7, Gibson 6, Evans 6, Williams 6, Mortimer 5 (sub Bullivant), ***BREMNER 8**, Shaw 6, Withe 6, Cowans 6, Morley 6
 Referee: P. Tyldesley (Stockport)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

BOLTON (0) 2 (Foster 55, Henry 63)
CHELSEA (1) 3 (Mayes 17, Bumstead 64)
 Att 7 278
 Bolton: ***MCDONAGH 8**, Whitworth 7, Bennett 5, Henry 7, Jones 6, McElhinney 5, Chandler 7, Foster 7, Gowling 7, Langley 6, Thompson 6
 Chelsea: Francis 6, Wilkins 7, Hutchins 6, Hales 6, Droy 7, Pates 6, Mayes 7, ***BUMSTEAD 9**, Lee 7, Walker 6, Fillery 8
 Referee: F. Roberts (Prestatyn)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

NORWICH (1) 2 (Deehan 17, Bertschin 51)
ROTHERHAM (0) 0
 Att 12 750
 Norwich: Woods 7, Symonds 6, Downes 7, ***McGUIRE 9**, Waford 7, Watson 8, Mendham 6, Jack 6, Deehan 8, Bertschin 8, Bennett 8
 Rotherham: ***MOUNTFORD 9**, Forrest 7, Taylor 7, Rhodes 7, Stancliffe 6, Greene 7, Townner 7, Gooding 6, Moore 6, Fern 6 (sub Alexander 7), Henson 7
 Referee: D. Axcell (Southend)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

ORIENT (2) 3 (Moore 7, 81, Godfrey 25)
DERBY (2) 2 (Hill 40, Fisher 45)
 Att 4 598
 Orient: Day 7, Foster 6, Hughton 7, Taylor 7, Gray 6, Osgood 7, Godfrey 8, Margerison 7, ***MOORES 9**, Silkman 6, Fisher 7 (sub Blackburn 6)
 Derby: Jones 7, Emery 7, Richards 6, ***BUCKLEY 9**, Money 6, Dalziel 7, Hector 8, Powell, B 6, Hill 7, Swindhurst 6, Emson 7
 Referee: B. T. Stevenson (Gloucester)
 Match Rating: ★★

QPR (0) 1 (Stainrod 72)
WREXHAM (1) 1 (Edwards 18)
 Att 10 006
 QPR: Hucker 7, Neil 6, Fenwick 6, Waddock 7, ***HOWE 8**, Roeder 7, Allen 7, Gregory 7, Currie 7, Stainrod 8, Gillard 6 (sub Flanagan 6), Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 7, Jones 6, Baker 6, Dowman 7, Cegielski 7, Ronson 7, Fox 7, McNeil 7, Edwards 7, ***VINTER 8**, Carrodus 6
 Referee: A. W. Grey (Great Yarmouth)
 Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (2) 2 (McCulloch 14, Megson 44)
BLACKBURN (0) 2 (Stonehouse 77, Keeley 82)
 Att 13 120
 Sheffield Wed: Bolder 7, Sterland 6, Grant 7, Pickering 6, Shirliff 7, Smith 6, Megson 7, Maricovic 6, Bannister 6, McCulloch 7, ***OWEN 8**
 Blackburn: Genoe 6, Branagan 7, Rathbone 7, Arnott 7, Keeley 7, Fazackerley 6, Miller 8, Stonehouse 7, Bell 6, Garner 6 (sub Lowe), ***BROTHERSTON 8**
 Referee: B. Martin (Keyworth)
 Match Rating: ★★

WATFORD (0) 2 (Jenkins 74, Terry 81)
NEWCASTLE (1) 3 (Todd 25, 84, Varadi 88)
 Att 12 333
 Watford: Sherwood 7, Rice 7, Pritchett 7, Taylor 7, ***TERRY 9**, Bolton 7, Callaghan 6, Blissett 6, Jenkins 7, Barnes 6, Lohman 5 (sub Armstrong 6)
 Newcastle: ***CARR 9**, Brownlie 7, Saunders 7, Treweek 6, Carney 7, Haddock 7, Todd 8, Martin 6, Varadi 7, Wharton 6, Waddle 5
 Referee: I. Borrett (Diss)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Three

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0
 Att 4 921
 Bristol City: ***MOLLER 8**, Stevens 6, Williams 6, Aitken 6, Boyle 7, Nicholls 6, Tainton 7, Mann 6, Chandler 6 (sub Garland 6), Harford 6, Musker 6
 Huddersfield: Taylor 6, Brown 7, Burke 6, Stanton 6, Sutton 7, ***HANVEY 8**, Lillis 7, Kennedy 6, Fletcher 6, Hotter 7, Cowling 5
 Referee: A. J. Hamill (Wolverhampton)
 Match Rating: ★

BURNLEY (0) 2 (Taylor 52, Overson 57)
NEWPORT (1) 1 (Moore 8)
 Att 4 716
 Burnley: Stevenson 6, Laws 7, Wharton 6, Dixon 6, Overson 8, Dobson 7, Cassidy 6, Steven 7, ***HAMILTON 9**, Taylor 6, Young 8
 Newport: ***KENDALL 9**, Lees 6, Relish 6, Oakes 7, Davies 6, Elsey 6, Vaughan 6, Lowndes 7, Tynan 6, Bishop 6, Moore 6
 Referee: C. Seel (Carlisle)
 Match Rating: ★★

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EXETER (0) 2 (Kellow 52, 58)
WALSALL (0) 0
 Att 3 118
 Exeter: ***MAIN 9**, Mitchell 7, Sparrow 5, Rogers, M 6, Foster 7, Roberts, P 6, Fisher 6, Rogers, P 8, Kellow 8, Dolve 6, Pullar 6
 Walsall: Green 6, Macken 6, Mower 6, Beech 6, Serel 6, Hart 7, Rees 7, Loveridge 6 (sub Preece 7), Penn 7, ***CASWELL 8**, O'Kelley 7
 Referee: A. Robinson (Watfordville)
 Match Rating: ★★

LINCOLN (0) 2 (Thompson 64, Bell 89)
GILLINGHAM (0) 0
 Att 2 756
 Lincoln: Folgate 6, Carr 6, Neal 6, Cocker 17, Peake 7, ***THOMPSON 8**, Shipley 7, Turner 7, Cunningham 6, Bell 7, Beavon 7
 Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 6, Adams 6, Bruce 6, Sillon 6, Duncan 6, Ovard 6 (sub Young), ***TYDEMAN 8**, White 6, Kemp 7, Price 6
 Referee: D. A. Webb (Cheshire)
 Match Rating: ★★

PRESTON (1) 1 (Bruce 41)
PLYMOUTH (0) 0
 Att 4 936
 Preston: Hodges 6, Taylor 8, McAteer 7, Bell 7, Booth 7, O'Riordan 7, Anderson 7, Dove 7, Elliott 6, Naughton 7, ***BRUCE 9**
 Plymouth: ***CRUDDINGTON 8**, Nisbet 6, Uzzell 7, Harrison 7, Phillips 7, Masters 7, Cooper 7, Hodges 7, Cook 6, Sma 6, Randall 6, Rodgers 6
 Referee: G. Owen (Anglesey)
 Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Mercer 87)
DONCASTER (0) 1 (Pugh 80)
 Att 4 741
 Southend: Kealey 7, Stead 7, Yates 7, Pennyfather 6, Moody 7, Cusack 8, Gray 6 (sub Greaves 6), Pountney 7, Spence 6, ***MERCER 9**, Olulakowski 8
 Doncaster: Humphries 8, Lally 7, ***COOPER 9**, Llor, 7, Parkinson 7, Dowd 7, Pugh 7, Dawson 8, Doug 6, Snodin 6, G. 6, Litt 6
 Referee: C. Maskell (Cambridge)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Adcock 15)
BURY (1) 1 (Hilton, P 19)
 Att 3 504
 Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 6, Coleman 5 (sub Longhorn 6), Leslie 6, W. G. 6, Wright 6, Adcock 7, Brammer 7, ***OSBORNE 8**, McDonough 6, A. I. 6
 Bury: ***BROWN 8**, Constantine 6, Kennedy 6, Gore 7, Hilton, P 7, Barnes 6, Madden 5, Butler 5, Johnson 6, Jakub 6, Cruickshank 7
 Referee: T. Bunc (Cranleigh)
 Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: Barnes (Bury)

MANSFIELD (0) 3 (Caldwell 58, Parkinson 68, Morgan 76)
HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 (Brown 10, Houghton 50)
 Att 2 011
 Mansfield: Arnold 6, McJannett 5, Foster 5, Bell 6, Burrows 6, Wood 5, ***MANN 8**, Morgan 6, Cannell 6, Caldwell 7, Parkinson 6
 Hartlepool: Burtleigh 6, Sweeney 6 (sub Howard), Simpson 5, Brown 7, Bird 6, Fagan 5, ***LINACRE, J. B.**, Linacre P 6, Staff 5, Houghton 6, Johnson 6
 Referee: N. Ashley (Nantwich)
 Match Rating: ★★

Match Facts..... Match Facts..... Match Facts.....

ROCHDALE (0) 0
SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 1 (Edwards 65)
 Att 3,966
 Rochdale Poole 7, ★WEIR 8, Snookes 7,
 Doan 6, Cooper 7, Taylor 7, Hamilton 7, Esser
 7, Hilditch 6, Welings 6, Martinez 6
 Sheff Utd Waugh 7, Moore 7, Garner 6,
 Matthews 7 ★HOUSTON 9, Kenworthy 8,
 Neville 7, King 7, Edwards 8, Hutton 8, Charles
 7
 Referee: M. G. Peck (Kendal)
 Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

HIBERNIAN (0) 1 (McLeod 37)
AIRDRIE (0) 0
 Att 4,350
 Hibs: McArthur 7, Sneddon 8, Schaedler 7,
 Brazin 6, Patterson 7, Callaghan 6, Flave 16
 (sub McNamara), Rae 7 (sub Rodier 7),
 ★MCLEOD 8, Jamieson 6, Duncan 7
 Airdrie: Martin 6, Cairney 7, March 6, Roger 7,
 Anderson 7, McKeown 6, Walker 7 (sub Flood),
 Clark 7, ★GORDON 8, Campbell 6, McGuire 6
 (sub Thompson)
 Referee: B. McGinlay (Balfour)
 Match Rating: ★★

RANGERS (1) 2 (Daxiel 10, Cooper 85)
DUNDEE UNITED (0) 0
 Att 18,000
 Rangers: Stewart 7, Jardine 7, Dawson 6,
 ★STEVENS 9, McAdam 6, Bell 7, Cooper 8,
 Russell 7, Johnstone 6, Dalziel 6 (sub Redford
 7), MacDonald 7
 Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Holt 6 (sub Riley),
 Stark 7, Narey 6, Hegarty 7, Philip 6 (sub
 Kopell), ★BANNON 8, Kirkwood 6, Milne 7,
 Sturrock 7, Dods 6
 Referee: C. Downie (Edinburgh)
 Match Rating: ★★

First Division

KILMARNOCK (2) 2 (Mauchlen 14, Bryson,
 pen 32)
HAMILTON (2) 2 (Donnelly 24, 30)
 Att 1,450

Monday, Jan. 18 League Cup, Quarter Final

IPSWICH (0) 2 (Wark 52, Brazil 74)
WATFORD (0) 1 (Barnes 55)
 Att 20,817
 Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 8, McCall 8, Mills 8,
 Osman 8, Bulcher 8, Wark 8, Muhren 8,
 Mannin 8 ★BRAZIL 8, Gates 8
 Watford: Sherwood 8, Rice 6, Pritchett 7
 ★TAYLOR 9, Terry 7, Bolton 7, Callaghan 5
 (sub Train), Armstrong 7, Jenkins 7, Blissett 7,
 Barnes 7
 Referee: A. Sewell (Birmingham)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Ardiles 59)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0
 Att 31,192
 Spurs: Clemence 7, Houghton 8, Miller 7,
 Robson 7, Villa 7, Perryman 7, Ardiles 8, Falco 6
 (sub Hazzard 7), Galvin 8, ★HODDLE 9,
 Crooks 8
 Nott'm Forest: ★SHILTON 9, Proctor 6, Gray
 6, Gunn 6, Needham 6, Robson 7, McGovern 7,
 Wallace 6, Ward 7, Mills 6, Robertson 6
 Referee: J. Martin (Aston)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

FA Cup, Third Round

BURNLEY (1) 6 (Taylor 23, 67, Steven 47,
 Hamilton 60, 70, 78)
ALTRINCHAM (0) 1 (Howard 74)
 Att 10,174
 Burnley: Stevenson 6, Laws 7, Wharton 7,
 Cassidy 7, Overson 6, Dixon 6, Dobson 8,
 Steven 8, ★HAMILTON 9, Taylor 7, Young 6
 Altrincham: Connaughton 5, Gardner 6,
 Davison 5, Gouding 6, Allan 5, King 6,
 ★HEATHCOTE 7, Whitbread 6, Johnson 6,
 Crossley 6, Howard 6
 Referee: M. Lowe (Sheffield)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

CHELSEA (0) 0
HULL (0) 0
 Att 14,899
 Chelsea: ★FRANCIS 8, Wilkins 8, Hutchins 7,
 Hales 6, Droy 6, Pates 6, Mayes 5 (sub
 Rhodes), Bumstead 6, Lees 6, Walker 5,
 Frlery 6

Hull ★DAVIES 8, McNet 16, Booth 6, Roberts,
 D. 6, Deacy 6, Roberts, G. 7, Marwood 6,
 Ferguson 6, Whitehurst 6, Mutrie 6, Swann 6
 Referee: C. Maske 1 (Cambridge)
 Match Rating: ★★

FA Cup, Third Round, Replay

COLCHESTER (1) 3 (Cook 45, Allinson, pen
 67, pen 116)
NEWCASTLE (2) 4 (Waddle 12, Saunders 43,
 Brownlie 94, Varadi 115)
 After Extra Time
 Att 7,505
 Colchester: Walker 7, Cook 7, Rowles 6, Leslie
 6 (sub Coleman), Wignall 7, Wright 7,
 ★ADCOCK 8, Bremner 7, Osborne 7,
 McDonough 5, Allinson 7
 Newcastle: Carr 7, Brownlie 6, Saunders 6,
 ★TREWICK 8, Carney 6, Haddock 7, Martin 7,
 Todd 7, Varadi 6, Wharton 6, Waddle 7
 Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 2 (Otto 53, Thomson,
 pen 56)
QPR (2) 3 (Steinrod 21, 39, Neil 117)
 After Extra Time
 Att 14,819
 Middlesbrough: Platt 6, ★NATRASS 8,
 Bolton 7, Ross 6, Baxter 5, McAndrew 7,
 Cochran 7, Otto 7, Hodgson 6, MacDonald 5
 (sub Wood), Thomson 7
 QPR: Hucker 6, Fenwick 7, G. Laird 7, Waddock
 7, Howe 7, Roeder 7, Allen 8, Currie 7 (sub
 Neil), Flanagan 8, ★STAINROD 8, Gregory 7
 Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrrogate)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Buckley 61)
ROTHERHAM (0) 0
 Att 14,883
 Sunderland: Siddall 7, ★NICHOLL 8, Pickering
 7, Hindmarch 8, Clarke 6, Elliott 7, Buckley 7,
 McCall 6, Ritchie 6, Rowell 6, Cummins 7
 Rotherham: Mountford 7, Hughes 7, Taylor 7,
 Rhodes 6, Stancil 7, Green 7, ★TOWNER 8,
 Gooding 7, Moore 6, Alexander 6, Henson 6
 (sub McEwan)
 Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington)
 Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH Scottish Cup, Second Round

EAST FIFE (1) 2 (Scott 23, 51)
FORFAR (1) 3 (Mitchell 42, Clark 54, Brash 69)
 Att 700

Tuesday, Jan. 19

League Cup, Quarter Final, Replay

BARNLEY (1) 1 (Walker 20)
LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Souless 38, Johnson 82,
 Dalglish 89)
 Att 29,639
 Barnley: Horn 7, Joyce 7, Chambers 6, Cooper
 6, Banks 6 (sub Glavin 7), McCarthy 7, Evans 7,
 ★WALKER 8, Abbott 7, McHale 6,
 Barrowclough 6
 Liverpool: Grobbelaar 6, Neal 7, Lawrenson 8,
 Thompson (sub Johnson 7), Whelan 7, Hansen
 7 ★DALGLISH 8, Lee 6, Rush 7, McDermott 7
 Souless 7
 Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division One

EVERTON (0) 1 (Richardson 14)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Moran 88)
 Att 22,355
 Everton: Southall 7, Stevens 7, Ratcliffe 5,
 Higgins 7, Lyons 6, ★RICHARDSON 8, Irvine 6,
 Heath 6, Sharp 6, Eastoe 5, Lodge 5
 Southampton: Katalinic 6, Golac 5, Holmes 6,
 Williams 6, Nichol 5, Waldron 5, Baker 6,
 Channon 5, ★MORAN 7, Bell 6, Armstrong 6
 Referee: M. Baker (Wolverhampton)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

CHARLTON (0) 0
LUTON (0) 0
 Att 7,013
 Charlton: Johns 7, Naylor 8, Ferns 7, Gritt 7,
 Elliott 7, Phillips 7, ★AMBROSE 9, Walsh 7,
 Hales 6, Berry 7, Robinson 6

**Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 7, Atzlewood 7,
 Antic 7, Goodyear 7, Donaghy 7 ★HILL 8,
 Stein 6, White 8, Fucillo 7, Moss 7
 Referee: A. R. Glasson (Salisbury)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★**

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 1 (Wicks 10)
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (1) 2 (Bannister
 27, Pickering 60)
 Att 8,289
 Crystal Palace: Barron 6, Hinshelwood 6,
 Boulter 5, Murphy 6, Wicks 6, Cannon 6, Lovell
 4 (sub Brooks 5), Smilie 6, Walsh 4, Mabbitt 5,
 ★HILAIRE 7
 Sheff Wed: Bolder 6, Sterland 6, Grant 6 (sub
 Pearson 5), Smith 7, Pickering 7, Melior 5,
 ★MEGSON 8, Mirocovic 6, Bannister 7,
 McCulloch 6, Owen 7
 Referee: L. Shapter (Torquay)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Three

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (Randall 55)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0
 Att 4,853
 Bristol Rovers: Thomas 8, Jones 6, Mabbitt 7,
 Slater 7, Curle 6, McCafferty 4, ★PARKIN 8,
 Williams 8, 6, Williams 6, D. 7, Stephens 7,
 Randall 6 (sub Gillies)
 Chesterfield: ★TURNER 8, Strik 7, Pollard 6
 (sub Windridge 6), Green 7, O'Neil 7, Ridgely 7,
 Bonnyman 6, Kowalski 6, Crawford 6,
 Henderson 7, Walker 6
 Referee: K. G. Salmon (Barnet)
 Match Rating: ★★

CHESTER (1) 3 (Sutcliffe 20, Jones 72,
 Simpson 88)
PORTSMOUTH (1) 2 (Doyle 43, Hemmerman
 71)
 Att 14,444
 Chester: Millington 7, Raynor 6, Burns 6,
 Storion 7, Collam 5, Oakes 6, ★SUTCLIFFE 8,
 Jones 7, Simpson 7, Blackwell 5, Henderson 6
 Portsmouth: Knight 6, McLaughlin 8, Bryant 7
 ★DOYLE 8, Atzlewood 7, Rolings 6,
 Hemmerman 7, Barnard 6, Tait 7, Bason 6,
 Crown 7
 Referee: D. Scott (Burnley)
 Match Rating: ★★

WALSALL (2) 3 (O'Kelly 1, Penn 30, Round 85,
 BRENTFORD (0) 0
 Att 3,853
 Walsall: Green 7, Horne 7, Mower 7, Beech 7,
 Serella 7, ★HART 8, Lees 7, Lovridge 6, Penn
 7, Caswell 7 (sub Round 7), O'Kelly 7
 Brentford: McKellar 7, Saman 8 (sub Walker
 6), Tucker 7, McNichol 6, Whitehead 6, Harris 6,
 ★KAMARA 8, Bowen 7, Johnson 6, Bowles 7,
 Roberts 6
 Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Four

BURY (0) 1 (Johnson 53)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Houchen, pen 70)
 Att 2,997
 Bury: Brown 7, Constantine 6, Kennedy 7, Gore
 6, Barnes 5, Howard 6, Madden 6, Butler 5 (sub
 Mulen), Johnson 6, Jakub 5,
 ★CRUICKSHANK 8
 Hartlepool: ★BURLEIGH 8, Sweeney 6,
 Linacre, P. 8, Brown 7, Bird 7, Fagan 5, Linacre,
 J. 6, Johnson 5 (sub Howard 6), Newton 5,
 Houchen 6, Staff 5
 Referee: M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
 Match Rating: ★

WIGAN (2) 5 (Methven 13, Bradd 42, 85,
 Houghton 52, Barrow 86)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0
 Att 4,111
 Wigan: Tunks 8, McMahon 7 (sub Weston),
 Glenn 7, Wignall 7, Lloyd 6, Methven 7, Quinn
 6 ★BARROW 8, Bradd 7, Houghton 7, Evans
 6
 Peterborough: Freeman 5, Butler 6, Collins 6,
 Gynn 6, Smith 5, Rodaway 5, Syrett 6,
 ★KELLOCK 7, Cooke 5, Hodgson 6, Chard 5
 (sub Massey 6)
 Referee: T. Owen (Wirral)
 Match Rating: ★★

TRANMERE (1) 3 (Kerr 3, 79, Craven 89)
CREWE (0) 0
 Att 1,609
 Tranmere: Endersby 6, Mungall 6, Burgess 7,
 Mountfield 6, Parry 6, Griffiths 6, Hamilton 6,
 Hutchison 6, Kerr 7, Brown 8, ★CRAVEN 8

**Crewe: Muhearn 6, Lewis 5 (sub Hanson 8),
 Bowers 6, Salathiel 6, Scott 7, Griffiths 6,
 Haslegrave 5, Callaghan 6, Chesters 5, Pallos 5,
 Williams 6
 Referee: N. H. Glover (Chorley)
 Match Rating: ★★**

SCOTTISH First Division

MOTHERWELL (1) 3 (Rafferty 40, Gahagan 67,
 McLaughlin, pen 81)
CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (Miller 63)
 Att 3,000
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 0
FALKIRK (3) 4 (Mackinnon 39, Stevenson 42,
 Parry 43, Heard 60)
 Att 600

Wednesday, Jan. 20 League Cup, Quarter Final

ASTON VILLA (0) 0
WEST BROM (1) 1 (Statham 32)
 Att 35,197
 Aston Villa: Rimmer 6, Swain 7, Gibson 7,
 ★EVANS 9, Williams 7, Mortimer 6, Brammer
 8, Shaw 6, Withe 6, Cowans 6, Morley 7
 West Brom: Grew 7, Batson 6, ★STATHAM 9,
 Brown 6, Wile 8, Robertson 7, Jol 6, King 6,
 Regan 6, Owen 7, Meckenzia 6
 Referee: R. Chadwick (Derwin)
 Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: Morley (Aston Villa)

FA Cup, Third Round, Replay

HEREFORD (1) 4 (Showers 17, Harvey 52,
 Overson 68, Phillips 79)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Grimes 51)
 Att 4,025
 Hereford: Brand 7, Price 8, Sullivan 7, Overson
 7, Dobson 7, McGrellis 7, ★HARVEY 8,
 Laidlaw 7, Phillips 6, Showers 7, White 6
 Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Hughes 8, Grimes 6,
 Kealey 7, Dall 7, Oates 6, Telfer 6, O'Beir 6,
 ★COWLING 8, Moss 7, Stewart 8 (sub Pill ng)
 Referee: G. Nephthine (Loughborough)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division One

STOKE (0) 0
ARSENAL (0) 1 (Sunderland 8)
 Att 9,525
 Stoke: Fox 7, Evans 6, Kirk 6, Dodd 6, Watson 6,
 Doyle 5, Lumsden 5 (sub Griffiths 5),
 O'Callaghan 5, Chapman 5, Bracewell 5,
 Johnson 5
 Arsenal: Wood 7, Robson 7, Sansom 7, Talbot
 7, O'Leary 7, Whitley 7, ★HOLLINS 9,
 Sunderland 7, Davis 6, Nicholas 6, R x 6
 Referee: D. Allinson (Lancaster)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

CARDIFF (0) 0
OLDHAM (0) 1 (Palmer 74)
 Att 4,097
 Cardiff: Hesley 7, Jones 6, Gilbert 7, Maddy 6,
 Pontin 6, Bennett 6, G. 8, ★BENNETT, D. 8,
 Micalet 5, Stevens 5, Dwyer 5, Giles 6
 Oldham: McDermott 6, Edwards 6, Ryan 7,
 Keegan 6, ★CLEMENTS 8, Fletcher 7,
 McDonough 5, Heaton 5, Steele 5, Palmer 6,
 Wyde 6
 Referee: D. Letts (Bas ngstoke)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

READING (0) 0
FULHAM (2) 3 (Gale 5, Coney 29, Lewington,
 pen 89)
 Att 3,762
 Reading: ★FEARON 6, Williams 4, Cullen 4,
 Webb 5, Hicks 4, Hetzke 4, Beavon 4, Earles 5,
 Dixon 4, Lewis 4 (sub Sanchez 5), Donnellan 4
 Fulham: Peyton 5, Lock 7, Strong 6, O'Driscoll
 7, Brown 6, ★GALE 8, Davies 7 (sub Parker),
 Reeves 6, Coney 7, O'Sullivan 6, Lewington 6
 Referee: D. V. Lloyd (Worcester)
 Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: Hetzke (Reading)

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Division Four

BRADFORD (1) 3 (Gallagher pen 16, pen 74, Wood 48)
MANSFIELD (1) 4 (Lumby 40, 47 Park nson 64, Morgan 82)
 Att 3 729
 Bradford Ramsbottom 6, Podd 6, Watson 5, Ingham 7, Jackson 5 Wood 6, Gallagher 7
 Stanforth 6 ★**CAMPBELL** 8, McIvnen 7, Ellis 6 (sub. Chapman 8)
 Mansfield: Arnold 8, McJannet 6, Foster 6, Bell 6, Meadows 7 Wood 7, Mann 8, Morgan 7, Cennell 7, Caldwell 8 (sub ★**LUMBY** 9).
 Park nson 6
 Referee: T. Fitzharris (Bolton)
 Match Rating: ★★

PORT VALE (0) 2 (Hunter 85, Moss 74)
DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Speedie 5, Walsh 53)
 Att 3 529
 Port Vale Harrison 7, Tarr 7, Sproson 6, Bowles 6, Bromage 7, Greenhoff 7 ★**HUNTER** 8, Armstrong 8 Chamberlain, N 7, Moss 7 Chamberlain M 7
 Darlington: ★**CUFF** 8, Kamara 6, Smith 8, Skipper 6, Wilson 7, Speedie 7, Staker 6, McLean 7, Hamilton 7, Hawker 7, Walsh 7
 Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
 Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH Scottish Cup, First Round

STIRLING ALBION (0) 1 (Torrance 88,
CLYDE (1) 2 (Sinclair 4, Hood 89)
 Att 700

Second Round

MONTROSE (0) 0
ELGIN (0) 0
 Att 450

Thursday, Jan. 21 FA Cup Third Round, Replay

HULL (0) 0
CHELSEA (0) 2 (Mayes 76, Bumstead 87)
 Att 13 238
 Hull: Davies 5, McNeil 7, Booth 6, Roberts, D 7, Deacy 7, Roberts, G 8, Marwood 5, Ferguson 8, Whitehurst 6 (sub. Flounders), ★**MUTRIE** 8, Swann 6
 Chelsea: ★**FRANCIS** 8, Locke 7, Hutchings 6, Hales 6, Chivers 7, Pates 7, Mayes 6, Bumstead 7, Lee 6, Walker 7, Fillyer 6
 Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
 Match Rating: ★★

Scottish Cup, First Round

CIVIL SERVICE STROLLERS (2) 3
 (Capperton 16, 42, Spence 89)
COWDENBEATH (1) 3 (Liddle 23, 78, Forrest 63)
 Att 260

STENHOUSEMuir (1) 2 (Meakin 27, Bremner 62)
BERWICK (1) 5 (Lawson 14, Davidson 53, 89, McGlynn 71, Moyes 85)
 Att 375

Friday, Jan. 22 Division Four

HALIFAX (0) 1 (Ward 80)
PORT VALE (1) 1 (Chamberlain, M 37)
 Att 2 965
 Halifax: Smelt 7, Chamberlain 7, Whitley 6, Evans 6, Ayre 7, ★**HENDRIE** 8, Ward 7, Dav son 6, Allait 6 (sub. F rth), Spooner 7, Graham 6
 Port Vale: Harrison 7, Tarr 7, Bromage 7, Hunter 6, Sproson 7, Bowles 7, Chamberlain N 7, Moss 6, Greenhoff 6 (sub. Farrell 7), ★**ARMSTRONG** 8, Chamberlain, M 7
 Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)
 Match Rating: ★★



Young Watford winger Nigel Callaghan sealed First Division West Ham's fate with a cheeky second goal at Vicarage Road.

Saturday, Jan. 23 FA Cup, Third Round

CARLISLE (0) 2 (Barnon 51, Robson 64)
HUDOERSFIELD (3) 3 (Fletcher 3, 35, 38)
 Att 6 345
 Carlisle: Swinburne 6, Parker 6, Rushbury 5, Houghton 5, Ashurst 6, Larkin 6 (sub. Ha gh 6), Coughlin 8, ★**ROBSON** 7, Barnon 6, Beardsley 5, Stanforth 8
 Huddersfield: Taylor 6, Brown 7, Burke 6, Stanton 7, Sutton 6, Hanvey 6, Lills 7, Kennedy 6, ★**FLETCHER** 8, Austin 7, Cowling 7
 Referee: M. Peck (Kendal)
 Match Rating: ★★

FA Cup Fourth Round

BLACKPOOL (0) 0
QPR (0) 0
 Att 10,227
 Blackpool: Hesford 8, ★**SIMMONITE** 9 (sub. Deary 7), Pashley 8, Blair 7, Wann 8, McEwan 7, Morris 7, Noble 8, Bamber 8, Hockaday 8, Harrison 7

QPR Hucker 7, Fenwick 7, Gillard 8, Waddock 8, Howe 7, Roeder 7 ★**ALLEN** 9, Curria 7, Fanagan 7, Stainrod 7, Gregory 7
 Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield)
 Match Rating: ★★

BRIGHTON (0) 0
OXFORD (2) 3 (Cessell's 20, Foley 42, 50)
 Att 17 898
 Brighton: ★**MOSELEY** 9, Shanks 5, Nelson 6, Foster 7, Gattling 5, Grealish 5, Ryan 5, Ritchie 6, Smith 5, McNab 6, Thomas 5
 Oxford: Burton 6, Doyle 7, Fogg 6, Jeffery 7, Briggs 6, Shotton 6, Jones 8, Foley 8, ★**CASSELLS** 9, Thomas 7, Smithers 7
 Referee: A. Robinson (Waterlooville)
 Match Rating: ★★

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Shaw 78)
 Att 20,279
 Bristol City: Mol er 6, Stevens 7, Williams 6, ★**AITKEN** 8, Boyle 7, Sweeney 6, Tainton 6, Mann 6, Gerland 6 (sub. Chandler 8), Harford 7, Musker 6
 Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Swain 6, Gibson 6, Evans 7, Williams 6, Mortimer 7, ★**BLAIR** 8, Shaw 6, Withe 5, Cowans 6, Morley 7
 Referee: B. Hill (Northants)
 Match Rating: ★★

CHELSEA (0) 0
WREXHAM (0) 0
 Att 17 226
 Chelsea: Francis 7, Locke 7, Hutchings 6, Hales 6, Chivers 6, ★**PATES** 8, Mayes 6, Bumstead 7, Lee 7, Walker 7, Fillyer 7
 Wrexham: ★**NIEDZWIECKI** 8, Jones 7, Bate 6, Cegielski 6, Downman 6, Ronson 6, Fox 6, McNeil 5, Carrodus 5, Vinter 6, Buxton 5
 Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
 Match Rating: ★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 1 (Cannon, pen 9)
BOLTON (0) 0
 Att 9 719
 Crystal Palace: Barron 6, Hinshelwood 6, Boulter 7, Murphy 6, Wicks 6, ★**CANNON** 8, Brooks 7, Smiley 6, Walsh 7, Mabbutt 6, Hildre 7
 Bolton: ★**MCDONAGH** 9, Whitworth 6, Bennett 6, Henry 7, Jones 6, McEhinney 6, Chandler 6, Foster 6, Gowling 8, Langley 5 (sub. Hoggan 6), Thompson 8
 Referee: B. T. Stevens (Stonehouse)
 Match Rating: ★★

GILLINGHAM (0) 0
WEST BROM (0) 1 (Statham 89)
 Att 16,000
 Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 7, Adams 7, ★**BRUCE** 8, Sittin 7, Duncan 6, Powell 6, Tydeman 7, White 6, Kemp 6, Price 7
 West Brom: Grew 7, Batson 7 ★**STATHAM** 8, Brown 6, Wile 7, Robertson 7, Jol 7, Whitehead 6, Regis 7, Owen 6, Mackenzie 7
 Referee: T. Bune (Ewhurst, Surrey)
 Match Rating: ★★

HEREFORD (0) 0
LEICESTER (1) 1 (May 28)
 Att 10,480
 Hereford: Brand 7, Price 7, Sul van 6, Hicks 7, Dobson 7, ★**MUSIAL** 8, Harvey 7, Laidlaw 7, Phillips 7, Showers 7, White 6
 Leicester: Walington 7, Williams 7, Friar 6, Peake 6, May 7, O'Neill 7, ★**LYNEX** 8, L. neker 6, Young 7, Wilson 6, Robson 8 (sub. Me rose 6)
 Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
 Match Rating: ★★

LUTON (0) 0
IPSWICH (0) 3 (Brazi 62, Gates 71, 87)
 Att 20 188
 Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 8, Aizlewood 7 (sub. Ant o 5), Horton 6, Goodyear 8, Donaghy 6, ★**HILL** 9, Stein 7, White 6, Fuccia 7, Moss 6
 Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 8, McCal 6, Mills 7, Osman 7, Butcher 6 (sub. O'Callaghan), Wark 6, Muhren 7, Marner 6, Braz 18 ★**GATES** 9
 Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
 Match Rating: ★★

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (Bond, pen 75)
COVENTRY (2) 3 (Hunt 2, Hateley 22, Bodak 89)
 Att 31,276
 Man City: Corrigan 6, Gow 5 (sub. Kinsey 6), McDonald 6, Reid 7, Bond 6, Caton 6, Hurchison 6, Reeves 6, ★**FRANCIS** 8, Hartford 6, Power 6
 Coventry: Blyth 7, Hormantschuk 6, Barnes 6, ★**THOMAS** 8 (sub. Butterworth), Dyson 7, Gillespie 7, Bodak 7, Daly 7, Thompson 7, Hateley 7, Hunt 7
 Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
 Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: Hartford (Man City)

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Moore, D, og 88)
GRIMSBY (0) 2 (Kilmoe 62, Drinkel 86)
 Att 25 632
 Newcastle: Carr 7, Brownlie 6, Saunders 6, Trewick 6 (sub. Shinton), Carney 6, Haddock 6, Todd 6, Martin 7 ★**VARADI** 8, Wharton 6, Waddle 7
 Grimsby: Balch 7, Moore, D 7, Crombie 7, Stone 6, Moore, K 8, Crosby 7, Ford 7, ★**KILMORE** 9, Whyman 6 (sub. Dr nkel), Mitchell 7, Beacock 6
 Referee: D. Richardson (Gt. Harwood)
 Match Rating: ★★

NORWICH (1) 2 (Jack 20, Watson 57)
DONCASTER (1) 1 (Dawson 18)
 Att 17 311
 Norwich: Woods 7, Symonds 8, Downs 8, ★**McGUIRE** 9, Watford 8, Watson 7, Mendham 7, Jack 8, Deehan 7, Bertschin 7, Barham 8
 Doncaster: Humphries 7, Lally 6, Cooper 7, Russell 7, Jester 7, Dowd 7, Pugh 7, ★**DAWSON** 8, Douglas 7, Snodin, G 7, Little 6 (sub. Snodin 17)
 Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
 Match Rating: ★★

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Division Two

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Bates 75)

BURNLEY (0) 0

Att. 7,679

Shrewsbury: Wardle 7, MacLaren 6, Johnson 7, Cross 7 (sub. Petts), Griffin 7, Keay 7, Tong 6, Dungworth 6, **ATKINS 8**, McNally 6, Bates 7, Burnley: **STEVENSON 9**, Laws 7, Wharton 6, Cassidy 6, Overson 7, Dixon 7 (sub. Polts 6), Dobson 6, Steven 5, Hemington 6, Taylor 8, Young 7

Referee: S. Bates (Bristol)

Match Rating: ★★

SUNDERLAND (0) 0

LIVERPOOL (2) 3 (Dargall 6, 16, Rush 80)

Att. 28,582

Sunderland: Siddals 15, Nichol 7, Pickering 6, **HINDMARSH 8**, Clarke 5 (sub. Brown 6), Elliott 7, Buckley 6, McCosker 6, Ritchie 6, Rowell 6, Cummins 6

Liverpool: Grobbelaar 8, Neal 7, Lawrenson 7, Kennedy, A. B. Whelan 7, Hensen 8, **DALGLISH 9** (sub. Johnston), Lee 8, Rush 7, McDermott 8, Souless 8

Referee: A. J. Hamill (Wolverhampton)

Match Rating: ★★

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Crooks 72)

LEEDS (0) 0

Att. 48,126

Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 7, Miller 8, Roberts 7, Villa 7, Perryman 7, Ardies 7, Falco 6 (sub. Hazard 7), Gavin 7, Hoddle 6, **CROOKS 8**

Leeds: Lukic 7, Cherry 7, Gray 7, F. Stevenson 6 (sub. Flynn), Hart 7, Burns 6, **GRAY, E. B.**, Graham 7, Butterworth 6, Hamson 6, Hird 7

Referee: L. Shapter (South Devon)

Match Rating: ★★

WATFORD (0) 2 (Armstrong 46, Callaghan 75)

WEST HAM (0) 0

Att. 27,004

Watford: Sherwood 8, Rice 8, Pritchett 8, Elissett 8, **TERRY 9**, Bolton 8, Callaghan 8, Armstrong 8, Jenkins 8 (sub. Rostron), Lohman 8, Barnes 8

West Ham: **PARKES 7**, Stewart 4, Lampard 4, Bonds 5, Martin 5, Van der Eest 4, Neighbour 4 (sub. Pearson 4), Goddard 4, Cross 4, Brooking 5, Pike 5

Referee: J. Martin (Alton)

Match Rating: ★★

Division One

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 2 (Hooks 83, Christie 74)

Att. 26,158

Nottingham Forest: Shilton 7, Gunn 6, Bowyer 6, McGovern 6, Needham 8, Young 7, Proctor 6, Wallace 6, Fashanu 6, **GRAY 8** (sub. Rober 6), Robertson 6

Notts County: **AVRAMOVIC 9**, Benjamin 8, O'Brien 8, Goodwin 8, Kitchin 7, Richards 7, McParland 7, Masson 6, Christie 7, Hooks 8, Mair 7

Referee: C. B. White (Middlesex)

Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 3 (Armstrong 38, Puckett 63, 77)

ARSENAL (1) 1 (O'Leary 19)

Att. 22,263

Southampton: Katalinic 6, Golsc 6, Holmes 6, Williams 6, Nichol 7, Waldron 7, Keegan 6, Channon 6, **PUCKETT 8**, Armstrong 7, Ball 6

Arsenal: Wood 6, Robson 6, **SANSOM 8**, Talbot 8, O'Leary 7 (sub. McDermott 6), Whyte 7, Hollins 6, Sunderland 6, Davies 6, Nicholas 6, Rux 6

Referee: R. Milford (Bristol)

Match Rating: ★★

STOKE (0) 0

MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 3 (Coppell 11)

Stapleton 87, Birtles 89)

Att. 19,882

Stoke: Fox 7, Evans 6, Kirk 7, **DODD 8**, Watson 7, Doyle 6, Griffiths 8, O'Callaghan 6, Chapman 7, Bracewell 7, Johnson 6

Man Utd: Bailey 7, Duxbury 7, Albiston 7, Wilkins 7, McQueen 6, Moran 8, Robson 7, **BIRTLES 8**, Stapleton 7, Macari 7, Coppell 7

Referee: M. Lowe (Sheffield)

Match Rating: ★★

WOLVES (0) 0

EVERTON (2) 3 (Richardson 14, Irvine 40, 83)

Att. 11,784

Wolves: Bradshaw 4, Palmer 5, Hollifield 4, Daniel 4, **GALLAGHER 8**, Berry 4 (sub. Atkinson 4), Matthews 5, Hibbert 4, Teasdale 4, Richards 4, Moss 5

Everton: Southall 5, Stevens 5, Ratcliffe 5, Higgins 5, Lyons 6, Richardson 6, **IRVINE 7**, Heath 5, Sharp 5, Eastoe 5, Lodge 4

Referee: G. Flint (Kirkby-in-Ashfield)

Match Rating: ★★

BLACKBURN (1) 2 (Stonehouse 44, Arnott 67)

ROTHERHAM (0) 0

Att. 7,706

Blackburn: Gennoe 6, Branagan 6, Rathbone 6, Arnott 7, Kaeley 7, Fazackerley 7, **MILLER 8**, Stonehouse 7, Bell 6, Garner 6, Brotherston 6

Rotherham: **MOUNTFORD 8**, Hughes 6, Taylor 5, Rhodes 6, Standfield 6, Green 5, Townner 5, Gooding 5 (sub. Seaman 5), Moore 5, Alexander 6, McEwan 5

Referee: C. L. Newsome (Broseley)

Match Rating: ★★

CHARLTON (0) 0

CAMBRIDGE (0) 0

Att. 4,766

Charlton: Johns 7, Naylor 6, Ferns 6 (sub. Elliott 6), Gritt 7, McAlister 6, Phillips 6, **AMBROSE 8**, Walsh 7, Hales 5, Berry 6, Robson 5

Cambridge: Key 7, Donaldson 6, Murray 6, Reilly 7, Fallon 7, Smith 7, Finney 6, Spriggs 7, **TAYLOR 8**, O'Neill 7, Gibbs 6

Referee: L. F. Burden (Dorset)

Match Rating: ★★

DERBY (0) 1 (Swindlehurst 80)

OLDHAM (0) 0

Att. 10,171

Derby: Jones 5, Emery 5, Buckley 7, Dargall 6, Sheridan 6, Money 7, Hector 5, Powell 6, Hill 6, **SWINDLEHURST 8**, Emsen 7

Oldham: McDonnell 6, Edwards 6, Ryan 6, **KEEGAN 8**, Clements 7, Fletcher 6, Wyld 6 (sub. Nuttall 6), Heaton 7, Steel 5, Palmer 5, McDonough 6

Referee: K. Salmon (Barnet)

Match Rating: ★★

ORIENT (0) 1 (Moore 49)

BARNLEY (2) 3 (Walker 17, Banks 43, Aylott 68)

Att. 3,620

Orient: Day 7, Foster 7, Hughton 7, **TAYLOR 8**, Gray 5 (sub. Blackhall 5), Osgood 8, Godfrey 8, Margerrison 8, Moores 7, Silkman 7, Hallibone 8

Barnley: Horn 7, Joyce 7, Chambers 7, Cooper 8, Banks 8, McCarthy 8, Evans 7, Walker 7, **AYLOTT 9**, McHale 7, Barrowclough 7

Referee: A. Gunn (Sussex)

Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BRENTFORD (0) 0

FULHAM (0) 1 (O'Sullivan 48)

Att. 10,830

Brentford: McKellar 7, Harris 6, Pucker 6, McNichol 6, Whitehead 6 (sub. Booker 7), Walker 5, Kamara 7, Bowen 5, Johnson 6, **BOWLES 8**, Roberts 6

Fulham: Payton 7, Lock 6, Strong 6, **O'DRISCOLL 8**, Brown 7, Gale 7, Tempest 6, Reeves 7, Conley 7, O'Sullivan 7, Lewington 7

Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)

Match Rating: ★★

CHESTER (1) 1 (Simpson 35)

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (Randell 62)

Att. 2,040

Chester: Millington 7, Reynor 6, Burns 6, Storton 7, Cottam 5, Oakes 6, **BUTCLIFFE 8**, Jones 6, Simpson 6 (sub. Cooke 7), Blackwell 5, Henderson 6

Bristol Rovers: Thomas 7, Jones 6, Slatter 6, McCaffery 6, Parkin 7, Mabbitt 7, Curle 5 (sub. Gillies 6), Williams 7, **STEPHENS 8**, Randall 6, Williams 7

Referee: D. Allison (Lancaster)

Match Rating: ★★

CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Walker 70)

NEWPORT (0) 0

Att. 4,234

Chesterfield: **TURNER 8**, Strick 6, O'Neill 7, Wilson 6, Green 6, Ridley 6, Crawford 7, Henderson 7, Bonnyman 6, Kowalski 5 (sub. Windridge), Walker 7

Newport: Kendall 7, Lees 6 (sub. Aldridge), Reish 6, Davies 6, Oakes 7, Johnson 6, **VAUGHAN 8**, Elsey 6, Tynan 6, Waddle 7, Moore 6

Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen)

Match Rating: ★★

LINCOLN (0) 1 (Bell 77)

PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Tait 57)

Att. 3,297

Lincoln: Fegate 6, Carr 6, Neale 6, **COCKERILL 8**, Peake 7, Thompson 7, Hebbard 6, Turner 6, Cunningham 7, Bell 7, Beavan 6 (sub. Gilbert 6)

Portsmouth: Knight 7, McLaughlin 6, Bryant 6, Doyle 6, Aizlewood 6, **HOLLINGS 8**, Hammerman 6, Barnard 7, Tait 7, Bason 7, Crown 6

Referee: R. S. Nixon (West Kirby)

Match Rating: ★★



West Brom full-back Derek Statham cracked two cup winners for his club within a week. His latest gave Albion a 1-0 win.

Match Facts..... Match Facts..... Match Facts.....

PRESTON (1) 1 (Elliott, pen 10)
MILLWALL (0) 0
 Att 5,085
 Preston: *HODGE 8, Taylor 7, McAteer 6, Bell 6, Booth 7, O'Rordan 7, Anderson 7, Doyle 6, Elliott 7, Naughton 6, Bruce 7
 Millwall: *GLEASURE 8, Martin 6, Roberts 6, Chatterton 7, Allardyce 7, Slough 6, Dibble 6, Padden 5 (sub. Hayes), Bartley 6, Neal 6, West 6
 Referee: D. A. Webb (Sale)
 Match Rating: ★★★

READING (2) 2 (Beavon 20, Dixon 42)
PLYMOUTH (0) 2 (Cooper 58, Hodges 88)
 Att 2,789
 Reading: Fearon 6, Williams 6 (sub. Cullen), Lewis 5, Webb 6, Hicks 6, *BARNES 7, Beavon 6, Earles 5, Dixon 5, Sanchez 5, Donnellan 5
 Plymouth: *CRUDGINGTON 7, Nisbet 5, Lzwell 5, Harrison 5, Phillips 5, Masters 6 (sub. Rowe), Cooper 6, Hodges 6, Cook 5, Sims 5, Phillips 5, Rogers 5
 Referee: M. Dumblebee (Stevenage)
 Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHEND (3) 1 (Nelson 7, Greaves 14, Pennyfather 41)
WALSALL (0) 2 (Home 73, Caswell 83)
 Att 4,884
 Southend: Keeley 6, Stead 6, Yates 7, Pennyfather 8, Moody 6, Cusack 7, *NELSON 9, Pountney 6 (sub. Spence), Greaves 7, Mercer 7, Otulakowski 6
 Walsall: Green 5, Macken 6, Mower 6, Beech 6, Serella 6, Hart 7, Rees 7, *LOVERIDGE 8, Penn 6, Caswell 7, Preece 6 (sub. Home 7)
 Referee: M. J. Taylor (Dess)
 Match Rating: ★★

WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Ketteridge 18)
SWINDON (0) 1 (Greenwood 84)
 Att 2,084
 Wimbledon: Beasant 7, Clement 6, Thomas 5, Smith 7, Morris 6, Downes 7, Ketteridge 7, Leslie 7, Blochel 7, Hodges 6, *JOSEPH 8, Swindon: Allan 6, Henry 6, Baddeley 5, Williams 7, Lewis 7, Stroud 6, *EMMANUEL 6, Carter 6, Rideout 6, Greenwood 7, Prichard 7
 Referee: J. Deskin (Bedford)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

COLCHESTER (1) 3 (McDonough 10, Fagan 6, 57, Allinson, pen 65)
HARTLEPOOL (3) 3 (Houchen, pen 16, 17, Bird 39)
 Att 2,862
 Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 6 (sub. Longhorn 5), Coleman 6, Rowles 7, Wignall 6, Packard 6, Adcock 5, Brammer 7, *OSBORNE 8, McDonough 5, Allinson 6
 Hartlepool: Burleigh 6, Sweeney 5, Linacre, P 6, Brown 6, Bird 6, Fagan 5, *LINACRE, J 8, Hogan 7, Newton 6, Houchen 7, Staff 5
 Referee: M. Bodenham (Brighton)
 Match Rating: ★★

CREWE (0) 0
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0
 Att 1,597
 Crewe: Muirhead 6, Lewis 7, Bowers 7, Salathie 6 (sub. Pelios 6), Scott 6, Hanton 6, Haslegrave 6, Callaghan 7, Gwyther 6, Waller 6, *WILLIAMS 8
 Bournemouth: Leigh 6, Heffernan 6, Sulley 6, Smith 7, Brignall 6, Impey 7, Spackman 6, Crawford 6, Funnell 7, Edmonds 6, *WILLIAMS 8
 Referee: G. J. Napthine (Loughborough)
 Match Rating: ★★

DARLINGTON (0) 0
ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (McDonald 61)
 Att 1,504
 Darlington: Cuff 7, Kamara 6, Wilson 6, Smith 7, Skipper 7, *SPEEDIE 8, Stalker 5, McLean 5, Hawker 5, Hamilton 5, Walsh 6
 Aldershot: *JOHNSON 9, Edwards 6, Scott 6, Briley 6, Bennett 7, Jopling 5, French 6, McDonald 7, Garwood 6, Brodie 5 (sub. Sanford 6), Robinson 6
 Referee: M. Scott (Nottingham)
 Match Rating: ★★

HULL (0) 1 (Flounders 75)
TORQUAY (0) 0
 Att 3,005
 Hull: Davies 6, McNeil 6, Roberts, D 7, Deacy 7, Booth 6, Swann 6, *ROBERTS, G 8, Marwood 6, Ferguson 5, Flounders 6, Mutrie 6
 Torquay: *O'KEEFE 8, Jones 5, Wilson 5, Brown 6, Lawrence 7, Larmour 5, Sermann 7, Cox 5, Cooper 7, Bowker 5, Young 7
 Referee: P. Tyldesley (Stockport)
 Match Rating: ★★

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Parkinson, pen 74)
PETERBOROUGH (2) 2 (Gynn 9, Syrett 25)
 Att 3,242
 Mansfield: Arnold 5, McJannett 6, Foster 5, Bell 6 (sub. Thomson 5), Burrows 5, Wood 6, Mann 6, Morgan 5, Cannell 6, Lumby 5, *PARKINSON 8
 Peterborough: Freeman 6, Butler 5, Collins 5, *GYNN 8, Smith 7, Rodaway 8, Syrett 5, Kellock 7, Cooke 5, Hodgson 5, Massey 6 (sub. Cherd)
 Referee: N. H. Glover (Chorley)
 Match Rating: ★★

ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Martinez 79)
BURY (1) 1 (Johnson 35)
 Att 3,581
 Rochdale: *POOLE 9, Weir 7, Snookes 7, Dolan 6, Cooper 7, Taylor 7, Goodwin 6, Esser 6, Hilditch 5, Wellings 5, Martinez 7
 Bury: Brown 7, Constantine 6, Kennedy 7, Gore 7, Barnes 8, *HOWARD 9, Madden 7, Butler 8, Johnson 7, Jakub 7, Cruickshank 7
 Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrowgate)
 Match Rating: ★★

SCUNTHORPE (2) 2 (Stewart 7, Telfer 36)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Perrin 78)
 Att 1,439
 Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Hughes 6, Pilling 7, Keeley 7, Dall 6, Oates 7, Telfer 7, Grimes 7, Cowling 7, Moss 7, *STEWART 8
 Northampton: Poole 7, Taylor 6 (sub. Coffill 6), Saxby 7, Brady 6, Gage 7, Saunders 6, Healey 7, Alexander 5, *PERRIN 8, Sandy 6, Phillips 5
 Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)
 Match Rating: ★★

WIGAN (2) 4 (Bradd 9, Quinn 40, Houghton 53, 85)
BRADFORD (1) 1 (Campbell 41)
 Att 7,107
 Wigan: Tunks 7, Weston 7, Glenn 7, Wright 7, Lloyd 7, Methven 7, Quinn 7, Barrow 7, Bradd 7, *HOUGHTON 8, Evans 7
 Bradford: *RAMSBOTTOM 7, Podd 5, Wood 5, Ingham 5, Cook 6, Jackson 5, Gallagher 6, Stanforth 5, Campbell 6, McNiven 5, Ellis 5 (sub. Watson)
 Referee: V. G. Callow (Solihull)
 Match Rating: ★★

YORK (0) 1 (Senior 78)
TRANMERE (0) 3 (Hutchinson 64, Kerr 71, Williams 75)
 Att 1,594
 York: Blackburn 6, Senior 6, Kay 6, Laverick 5, Hood 6, Dawson 6, Pollard 5, *CROSBY 7, Welwyn 6, Ford 6, Benham 5
 Tranmere: *ENDERSBY 8, Mungall 7, Burgess 7, Parry 7, Bramhall 7, Williams 7, Hamilton 7, Hutchinson 7, Kerr 7, Brown 7, Craven 7
 Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle)
 Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH Scottish Cup, Second Round

ALLOA (0) 4 (Ingles, og 46, Peterson 53, Holt 73, Grant 78)
HAWICK ROYAL ALBERT (1) 1 (McConnell 32)
 Att 651

CLYDE (0) 0
BERWICK (0) 0
 Att 358

COLDSTREAM (0) 0
MEADOWBANK (1) 2 (Boyd 27, Jobson, pen 48)
 Att 400

Scottish Cup, Third Round

AIRDRIE (1) 1 (McCluskey 80)
QUEENS PARK (1) 2 (McNiven 9, 70)
 Att 2,150

CELTIC (3) 4 (McGarvey 19, McGrain 21, McCluskey, pen 39, Halpin 85)
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 0
 Att 11,281

CLYDEBANK (0) 2 (Given, pen 89, Milner 90)
DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 (McNaughton 77)
 Att 911

DUNDEE (0) 1 (Stephen 80)
RAITH (0) 0
 Att 5,474

HAMILTON (0) 0
FORFAR (0) 0
 Att 898

HIBERNIAN (0) 2 (Rodier 51, Duncan 66)
FALKIRK (0) 0
 Att 5,082

MOTHERWELL (0) 0
ABERDEEN (1) 1 (Hewitt 9 6 secs)
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ST MIRREN (0) 2 (Bone 69, Abercrombie 76)
MORTON (1) 1 (Houston 28)
 Att 6,984

Second Division

ALBION ROVERS (0) 1 (Collins 61)
BRECHIN (0) 2 (Paterson 46, 66)
 Att 390

ARBROATH (1) 1 (Yule 44)
STIRLING ALBION (0) 0
 Att 545

MONTROSE (1) 2 (Campbell 16, Allan 48)
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 (Munn 71)
 Att 620

STRANRAER (0) 1 (McDonald, pen 49)
COWDENBEATH (1) 4 (Steele 24, Liddle 48, Hunter 80, Forrest, pen 71)
 Att 250

LEADING SCORERS (League, Cups, Total)

Division One

Regis (West Brom)	12	6	18
Keegan (Southampton)	14	2	16
Wark (Ipswich)	8	4	12
Cross (West Ham)	9	3	12
DalGLISH (Liverpool)	6	6	12
Francis (Man City)	9	2	11
(2 with Nott'm Forest)			
Tueart (Man City)	9	2	11
Wallace (Nott'm Forest)	8	3	11
Chapman (Stoke)	10	1	11
Hunt (Coventry)	8	3	11
Brazil (Ipswich)	6	5	11
Rush (Liverpool)	3	8	11
Stapleton (Man Utd)	11	0	11

Division Two

Stainrod (QPR)	11	5	16
White (Luton)	13	1	14
Aylott (Barnsley)	9	4	13
Gamer (Blackburn)	8	4	12
Wyde (Oldham)	11	1	12
Glavin (Barnsley)	5	6	11
Hales (Charlton)	9	2	11
Varadi (Newcastle)	9	2	11
Heaton (Oldham)	9	2	11
Moore (Rotherham)	9	2	11
Banks (Barnsley)	11	0	11
Jack (Norwich)	6	4	10
Atkins (Shrewsbury)	8	2	10

Division Three

Cassells (Oxford)	8	11	19
Davies (Fulham)	15	1	16
Kellow (Exeter)	13	1	14
Chatterton (Millwall)	8	4	12
Coney (Fulham)	5	6	11
White (Gillingham)	9	2	11
Harford (Bristol City)	7	3	10
Mann (Bristol City)	6	4	10
Cunningham (Lincoln)	6	4	10
Thomas (Oxford)	6	4	10

Division Four

Madden (Bury)	17	7	24
Allinson (Colchester)	13	5	18
Campbell (Bradford)	12	3	15
Johnson (Bury)	12	3	15
Walwyn (York)	12	2	14
Cooke (Peterborough)	9	4	13
Brown (Tranmere)	7	6	13
Houghton (Wigan)	11	2	13
Morris (Blackpool)	10	2	12
Bamber (Blackpool)	10	2	12
Gallagher (Bradford)	10	2	12
Brenner (Colchester)	9	3	12
Hatton (Sheff Utd)	9	3	12

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Clark (Airdrie)	12	2	14
Sturrock (Dundee Utd.)	7	6	13
McCluskey (Celtic)	10	3	13
McGarvey (Celtic)	8	6	13
Bannon (Dundee Utd.)	5	5	10
MacDonald (Rangers)	5	5	10

First Division

Miller (Clydebank)	13	4	17
Frye (Ayr)	7	8	15
McLaughlin (Motherwell)	12	2	14
McNaughton (Dunfermline)	10	3	13
Clelland (Motherwell)	9	1	10
Irvine (Motherwell)	10	0	10

Second Division

Lawson (Berwick)	13	4	17
Forrest (Cowdenbeath)	13	4	17
Robb (Arbroath)	9	5	14
Jobson (Meadowbank)	8	6	14
Davidson (Berwick)	8	6	13
Campbell (Brechin)	9	3	12
Scott (East Fife)	9	3	12

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
S'hampton	21	9	0	2	28	13	2	4	1	17	3	30
Ipswich	16	7	1	1	18	10	5	1	3	17	3	30
Man Utd	20	6	3	1	15	5	4	3	3	17	1	36
Man City	21	6	4	2	20	10	4	1	4	10	13	35
Everton	22	7	2	2	20	11	2	4	5	12	16	33
Swansea	21	7	2	1	18	7	3	1	7	13	26	33
Wolm Forest	20	6	2	3	18	11	3	3	1	2	15	32
Liverpool	19	5	3	3	18	11	3	3	2	11	9	30
Brighton	20	4	5	2	18	13	3	4	2	7	6	30
Arsenal	18	4	2	1	5	2	5	1	5	12	13	30
Tottenham	17	4	0	5	14	13	5	2	1	12	6	29
West Ham	18	4	3	1	19	13	5	2	5	14	3	26
WBA	18	3	4	2	12	7	3	2	4	11	12	24
Hants County	19	4	4	1	14	12	2	1	7	13	19	23
Leeds Utd	19	5	0	15	6	1	8	0	5	26	23	23
Aston Villa	20	2	3	3	9	10	3	4	5	14	14	22
Coventry	21	5	2	4	21	15	1	2	7	10	21	22
Stoke	21	4	0	7	14	16	2	3	5	10	17	21
Wolves	20	4	2	4	7	10	1	2	7	6	20	19
Birmingham	18	4	3	1	19	13	0	3	7	15	18	18
Sunderland	19	1	2	6	6	17	2	3	5	10	16	14
Middlesbro'	18	2	3	4	10	15	0	3	6	6	15	12

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton	20	7	0	2	24	10	7	3	1	20	10	45
Oldham	24	8	6	1	20	13	5	2	4	14	12	41
Walford	20	5	3	2	18	11	5	2	3	13	13	35
Blackburn	24	5	2	4	10	7	4	6	3	19	17	35
G.P.R.	21	7	3	2	16	6	3	1	5	12	14	34
Sheff Wed	20	5	3	2	16	14	5	1	4	10	11	34
Barnsley	20	7	1	1	17	4	3	2	6	16	18	33
Chelsea	21	5	3	2	16	12	4	3	4	14	17	33
Charlton	24	6	3	3	19	13	2	4	6	11	20	21
Norwich	21	6	3	2	16	10	2	1	7	8	20	28
Newcastle	19	6	2	1	15	5	2	1	7	11	16	27
Leicester	18	3	4	2	10	7	3	4	3	15	13	26
Derby	20	5	3	2	15	11	2	1	7	11	22	25
Cardiff	20	5	1	5	12	18	2	2	5	9	14	24
Orient	22	4	3	4	13	14	3	0	8	7	15	24
Crystal Pal.	18	6	0	4	13	9	1	2	5	2	7	23
Shrewsbury	18	5	2	2	15	10	1	3	5	4	14	23
Cambridge	19	5	0	4	15	11	2	1	7	10	18	22
Rotherham	19	6	1	2	20	9	0	2	8	5	20	21
Rollon	21	5	2	5	16	17	1	1	7	3	14	21
Wrexham	19	3	0	6	9	14	2	4	4	12	13	19
Grimsby	17	1	3	4	9	12	3	2	4	8	17	17

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chesterfield	21	5	3	2	15	8	5	2	3	13	6	38
Fulham	21	5	3	1	16	8	6	2	4	19	16	38
Southend	21	7	2	3	17	11	4	1	4	12	11	36
Walsall	21	7	1	2	20	7	3	4	4	10	11	35
Carlisle	19	7	1	1	18	9	4	1	5	10	12	35
Bristol R.	22	5	2	4	17	16	3	4	5	12	16	33
Reading	22	5	3	4	16	20	4	2	4	12	14	32
Brentford	22	2	3	6	5	8	7	1	3	17	12	31
Huddersfield	21	5	3	2	15	9	3	3	5	11	13	30
Gillingham	20	5	2	3	19	15	4	1	5	10	15	30
Doncaster	19	6	1	2	15	5	2	4	4	10	16	29
Exeter	21	6	1	4	24	23	2	4	4	13	19	29
Millwall	20	4	1	5	13	12	6	3	3	11	11	28
Oxford U.	19	4	2	3	10	7	4	2	4	14	15	28
Plymouth	24	5	3	4	21	14	2	4	6	9	16	28
Lincoln	20	4	4	2	17	11	3	2	4	13	14	27
Mileport	23	5	3	3	13	9	2	3	7	15	20	27
Burnley	20	4	4	2	13	12	2	4	4	13	16	28
Portsmouth	22	4	4	2	12	8	1	5	6	12	19	24
Swindon	21	3	2	5	15	17	3	3	5	10	16	23
Chesham	21	4	1	5	10	14	4	1	5	8	13	23
Bristol City	21	3	4	4	12	14	2	3	5	7	12	22
Preston	21	4	4	3	8	8	1	3	6	9	19	22
Wimbledon	20	3	2	5	12	17	1	3	6	11	21	17

Division Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheff Utd.	20	7	3	0	22	7	6	2	2	14	8	44
Colchester	21	7	3	1	30	10	6	1	3	18	12	43
Wigan	22	9	2	1	24	7	3	5	2	14	13	43
Brad City	21	8	2	2	28	14	5	1	3	18	14	42
Bournemouth	21	5	5	0	13	5	6	3	2	12	7	41
Bury	21	8	1	1	30	10	3	3	1	15	16	39
Peterboro'	20	8	0	1	24	5	4	3	4	10	17	39
Prest Vale	21	5	3	2	14	11	4	4	3	13	12	34
Blackpool	20	6	1	3	25	12	2	4	4	15	16	29
Torquay	22	5	3	3	16	12	3	2	6	9	12	29
Tranmere	22	5	3	3	9	10	5	2	5	15	17	28
Aldershot	20	4	2	4	15	13	3	2	5	11	22	25
Stockport	18	7	0	2	20	9	0	3	6	4	15	24
Hull	20	5	1	4	13	12	1	5	4	18	21	24
Hartlepool	21	4	2	3	14	13	2	4	5	18	22	24
Mansfield	22	4	3	5	22	22	2	6	11	20	23	23
Darlington	21	3	4	3	11	12	1	5	5	8	16	21
Halifax	21	2	4	4	9	13	2	4	5	12	22	20
Hereford	18	1	6	2	10	11	2	4	3	14	18	19
Rochele	21	3	5	4	11	10	1	2	6	6	18	18
York	19	1	3	6	14	23	4	1	4	12	16	19
Scunthorpe	20	3	4	3	14	17	1	1	8	5	19	17
Crawley	20	2	2	6	9	12	2	0	8	3	24	14
Northampton	20	2	3	5	11	18	0	2	8	10	30	11

SCOTTISH Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	16	5	2	0	18	9	6	1	2	16	7	25
Rangers	17	5	3	2	16	10	3	3	1	12	11	22
St Mirren	16	5	2	2	16	8	3	2	2	10	11	20
Dundee Utd.	15	6	1	1	19	5	1	3	3	7	9	18
Aberdeen	15	4	2	1	9	6	3	2	3	12	10	18
Hibernian	18	6	4	1	17	6	0	2	5	3	9	18
Morton	16	5	1	1	10	4	0	2	7	6	23	13
Dundee	18	4	1	3	16	13	1	0	9	10	27	11
Airdrie	17	3	2	3	16	18	0	3	6	6	22	11
Stranraer	20	3	0	8	13	24	1	1	7	7	22	9
Stenhousemuir	19	1	3	5	9	19	2	0	8	12	22	9

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Motherwell	19	7	3	0	26	9	7	1	1	28	6	32
Clydebank ..	20	5	2	2	16	16	5	2	4	20	16	24
Ayr	18	6	3	0	20	6	3	2	4	8	11	23
Kilmarnock	20	2	7	2	10	9	5	2	2	11	7	23
St Johnstone	19	5	1	3	15	11	4	3	3	18	14	22
Hearts	18	5	2	2	12	8	2	6	2	8	8	21
Falkirk	19	3	4	2	11	6	2	5	3	18	17	19
Dunfermline	18	1	4	4	13	18	4	3	2	10	13	17
Queens Pk	18	4	3	2	12	7	1	3	5	5	11	16
Pamilton	20	4	1	5	10	13	2	3	5	13	19	16
Dumbarton	18	3	1	5	9	19	2	3	4	18	14	14
E Stirling	18	2	4	3	10	15	2	1	6	8	16	13
Raith	18	3	1	5	11	14	1	3	5	5	13	12
Queen of Sth	19	1	3	6	24	2	1	3	5	7	12	10

THE GRAEME SOUNESS COLUMN

LIVERPOOL could be playing Barnsley again next season . . . in the First Division

That's my view even though we beat them 3-1 in the League Cup Quarter Final replay at Oakwell. Quite simply they provided us with our hardest game yet in the competition.

It wouldn't surprise me if they get promoted to the top flight this time around. They are as good as many First Division teams.

They are a very workmanlike side who battle hard and don't give you a minute to settle on the ball. But after our 0-0 draw at Anfield we knew what to expect from them and we battled just as hard as they did in the replay.

When you're playing a team like Barnsley you can't rely on ability. You've got to roll up your sleeves and fight.

The game was tough and physical, but in the end we deserved to win — although they gave us some anxious moments.

One player in their team who particularly impressed me was striker Trevor Aylott. The former Chelsea star has a lot of skill for a big man.

The game also provided me with a rare goal — only my second of the season.

As I said in a previous column, I've never had so many goalscoring chances in a season before, but the ball just hasn't been going in the net.

It was particularly pleasing to see my volley fly past their keeper. I hope there's more to come.

Before we can start thinking about defending our League Cup crown at Wembley we've got to beat Bobby Robson's Ipswich in the toughest draw of the Semi-Finals.

But the lads know what we've got to do and I'm quietly confident that we can beat the First Division leaders.

The last four of this year's competition — ourselves, Ipswich, West Brom and Tottenham — could be classed as the four best teams in England. That shows you just how difficult it is going to be win the trophy this time.

Being involved in the final stages of a cup competition at this time of the season is great for the players. After we won the Cup last year we went from strength to strength.

There's no doubt that victory over West Ham in the Final spurred us on to win the European Cup.

The Liverpool skipper looks at his side's defence of the League Cup . . . and pays tribute to their defeated Quarter-Final opponents . . .

SUPER TYKES!

Barnsley gave us our toughest test

Looking back I've had a great start to my spell as captain of Liverpool and it's a job I'm really enjoying.

Apart from my school side, Liverpool are the first team I've captained, so it was a bit of a surprise when boss Bob Paisley asked me to do the job. The only other time I'd led Liverpool out was during a friendly in Dublin this season when Phil Thompson was on England duty.

I felt sorry for Phil when he lost the job, but he's a professional and there's no bad feeling between us. In fact, since he's been relieved of the job I believe he's been playing his best football of the season.

I expect to hold on to my new job for as long as Liverpool are winning. Once we start losing I expect to lose the captaincy.

This Saturday we visit League Champions Aston Villa and we're determined to get revenge for the 2-0 defeat they inflicted on us last season at their place.

They are suffering an indifferent spell this season after taking the title but I know they'll give us a run for their money.

One man who always has a good game against us is their keeper Jimmy Rimmer. He's the man we must beat if we're to win.

● Graeme Souness was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.



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KEVIN'S KILLER BLOW!

REEVES RUBS SALT IN LIVERPOOL'S WOUNDS

KEVIN REEVES (Man. City) v Liverpool, Division One, Anfield, Saturday, Dec., 26, 1981.

If ever a goal rubbed salt in the wounds of a crestfallen side then Manchester City's Kevin Reeves produced it in the surprise 3-1 victory at Liverpool.

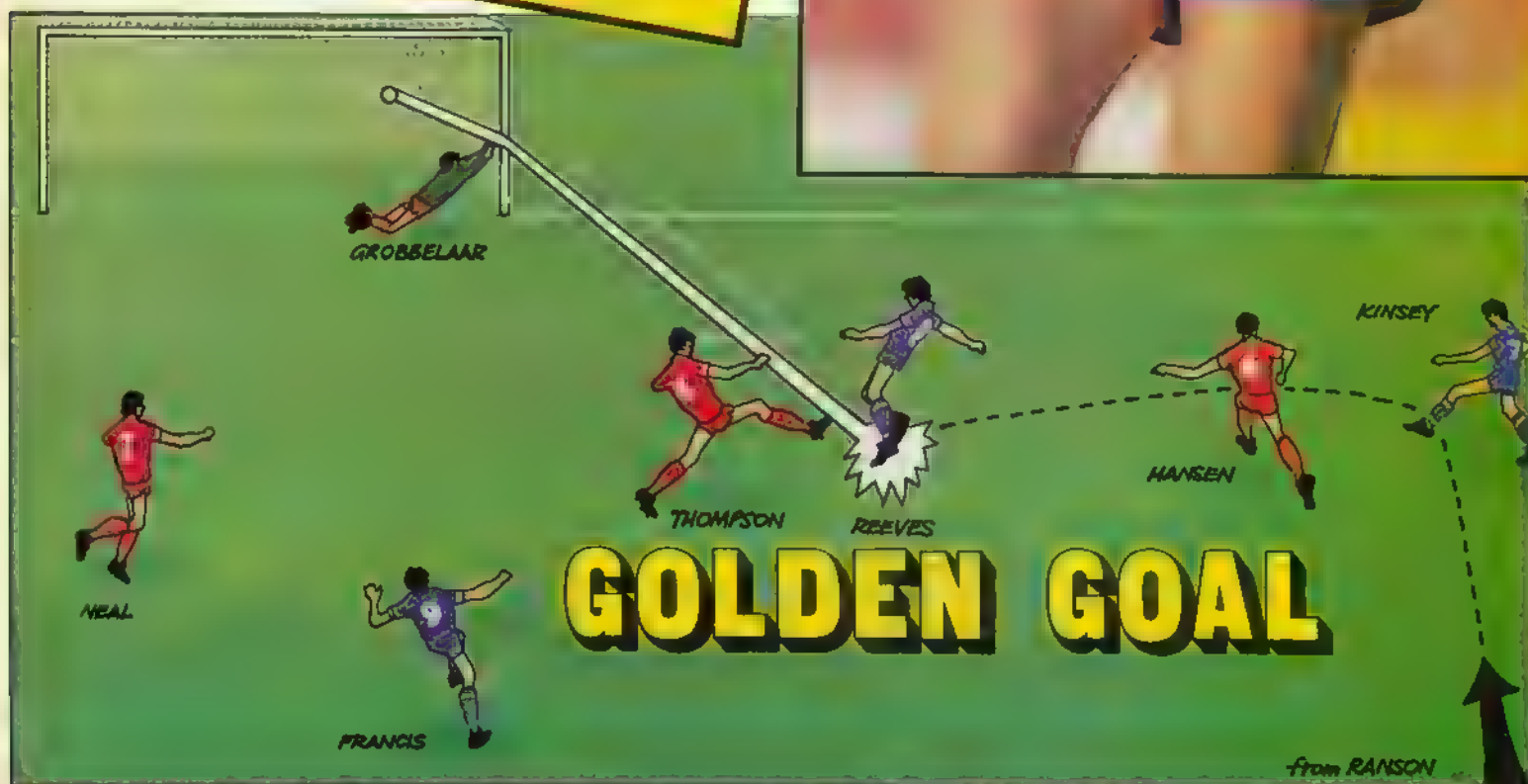
With a rare home defeat staring the European Champions in the face after Kevin Bond had restored City's lead from the penalty spot, the former England striker almost casually flicked home a crushing third goal in the dying seconds for good measure. His near post cheek City move that completely spreadeagled the flimsy covering of an attack-committed Liverpool.

Tommy Hutchison orchestrated the attack in midfield with a probing ball to Ray Ranson on the right.

He in turn fed young Steve Kinsey down the flank, who, with time and telling accuracy, picked out Kevin Reeves in the area.

The £1 million striker timed his run to perfection to leave Phil Thompson stranded, and he literally back-heeled the low of a bemused Bruce Grobbelaar and an upright.

It added insult to injury to Liverpool, but for City it ended a wait of more than 25 years for a victory at Anfield.



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STEVE

I ACHIEVED one of the greatest ambitions of my life this month when I signed a new five-year contract with Manchester United.

I've always wanted to spend the bulk of my career at Old Trafford and Ron Atkinson gave me the chance to fulfil that dream when he offered me a new deal.

My original contract wasn't due to run out until the summer, but after the Joe Jordan affair in the close season, United are keen to renew agreements as soon as possible

Joe was allowed to join Italy's AC Milan for next to nothing when he became a free agent last summer. Since then, the club have been wary of contracts that are coming up for renewal.

The manager has the framework of a good team on long-term contracts. I know that 'keeper Gary Bailey and Scottish defender Arthur Albiston have just signed new deals and that's got to be good news for the future.

Young Everton winger Alan Irvine impressed me with his performance against United at Old Trafford.

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COPPELL'S COLUMN

Behind the scenes at Old Trafford with the Manchester United favourite...

I'll be nearly 32 when my commitment to the club ends and, in the next five years, I hope to add some silverware to my collection.

Unfortunately, it won't be an FA Cup winners medal this season, following our 1-0 defeat at the hands of Second Division Watford.

I missed the Cup clash through injury and had to endure 90 minutes of hell from the stands. I'm not a good watcher at the best of times and this match was one of the most frustrating I've ever sat through.

On the day, Watford were the better team and deserved to win. It would have been a travesty of justice if they had not.

A couple of days later, we missed a great chance to go top of the First Division when we drew 1-1 with Everton at Old Trafford.

I made a shock return to the first team for that game because, with less than two hours to go before kick-off, I wasn't expecting to play.

In fact, I'd spent most of the day training alongside Ashley Grimes and Mike Duxbury, who are also injured, and was exhausted when I arrived at the club hotel for our pre-match meal.

But Lou Macari went down with 'flu and Ron Atkinson asked me if I could get through a game.

Howard Kendall's men worked very hard and deserved their point. Having said that, if we are to make a realistic challenge for the title, we must win our home games.

I was very impressed by two of their players — winger Alan Irvine and goalscorer Graeme Sharpe. Young Alan looked full of confidence and wasn't scared to

take players on and beat them.

On Saturday, we have another chance to keep up with the leading pack when we travel to Wales for a game against John Toshack's Swansea.

They've suffered a lean spell recently after taking the First Division by storm early on, but we know that they'll be no easy touch.

We beat them at Old Trafford earlier this season thanks to the only goal of the game by Garry Birtles. Another three points at their expense will suit me fine.

Manchester is buzzing at the moment because both teams are challenging for honours this season. It can only be good for the city to have both teams doing so well because it creates a great atmosphere.

One of the main reasons for City's revival has been the form of my England team-mate Trevor Francis.

If you ask manager John Bond who's been his most important signing, he'll tell you it's the former Forest striker. City look

much more incisive whenever he's playing.

It's good to see him going so well in view of his injury problems. He's returned from two big setbacks in his career and is playing as well as ever.

But I'm sure that come the end of the season, we'll be kings of Manchester!

Steve Coppel



NEW FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT ALLOWS ME TO CONTINUE...

MY LOVE AFFAIR WITH UNITED



Left: My United team-mate Garry Birtles. He scored the only goal of the game against Swansea earlier this season.

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Bonnie Scots

TWO players who deserve to be in Jack Stein's Scottish Women's Cup squad in Spain are Dundee United's Ralph Milne and Luton Town's Jake Findlay.

At present, Milne is the most exciting player in Scottish football. He is a midfielder and is tremendous in any position.

Findlay has been brilliant for Luton over the past three seasons and has been instrumental in pushing the Hatters clear of their Second Division rivals this term.

Jack should give both of them a chance to prove themselves in Spain.

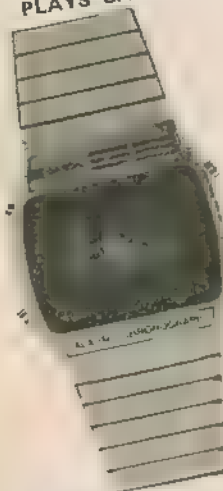
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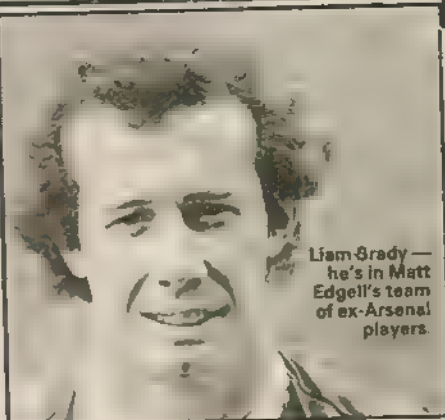
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Liam Brady —
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Edgell's team
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Ex-Gunners on target

I HAVE compiled a team of ex-Arsenal
players which would have little trouble in
winning the First Division. It is:

Jimmy Rimmer (Aston Villa)
Pat Rice (Watford)
Sammy Nelson (Brighton)
Eddie Kelly (Leicester)
Willie Young (Nottingham Forest)
Steve Gattin (Brighton)
Liam Brady (Juventus)
Alan Ball (Southampton)
Frank Stapleton (Man Utd.)
Brian Kidd (Bolton)
Ray Kennedy (Liverpool)

Matt Edgell, Sale, Cheshire.

PENALTY BLUNDER

WHAT a terrible decision the referee made in
the Brighton v Barnet FA Cup Third Round
replay when he gave a penalty against a
Barnet defender for bringing down Andy
Ritchie.

Ritchie pushed the Barnet player in the
back, and when he fell, Ritchie tumbled over
him.

That decision killed off Barnet because at
the time they were only 2-1 down and still in
with a chance.

Robert Dakin, Thurgoland, Sheffield.



Black Forest

NOTTINGHAM Forest's shock home defeat
by Wrexham in the FA Cup shows that
Forest are in decline following the sale of
their stars.

After watching Forest for five years, I am
sure that their current team is the worst they
have fielded. Wrexham ran rings round
them in the second half of the Third Round
Cup tie.

When you consider that the club has sold
Trevor Francis (now with Manchester City),
Garry Birtles (Manchester Utd), Tony
Woodcock (Cologne), Frank Gray and Kenny
Burns (Leeds) and Martin O'Neill
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TAKE A BREAK

WHEN the worst of the winter weather
arrives, football in this country becomes a
lottery.

Other European countries have a
mid-winter break, and I think this makes a
lot of sense.

If soccer was called off for a few weeks,
both the players and the fans would come
back to the game refreshed and bursting
with anticipation.

David Lee, Hobburn, Tyne and Wear.

BOND... LICENSED TO WORK MIRACLES

MATCH reader Graham Mims said in Terrace Talk that Manchester City were wrong to buy Kevin Bond

As Graham's a Liverpool fan — I'm a City supporter — he said that it would be easy for Liverpool to beat City this season. How wrong can you be!

City trounced Liverpool 3-1 at Anfield on Boxing Day . . . and Kevin Bond scored from the penalty spot!

I'm convinced City will qualify for Europe this season and Trevor Francis will be the First Division's leading scorer.

And the man who must take the credit is Kevin's dad, John Bond. He took over at Maine Road when City were bottom, took them to the FA Cup Final and the League Cup Semi-Finals and has now built a terrific team.

At least five City players, Tommy Caton, Kevin Bond, Nicky Reid, Kevin Reeves and Francis should be in Ron Greenwood's World Cup squad.

Christopher Streeter, Colchester, Essex.



Kiwi plea

WE live in New Zealand and are faithful readers of Match Weekly.

In April and May this year, we plan to visit Britain and watch as many football matches as we can

Unfortunately, we have no contacts in Britain and we would be very pleased to hear from any Match reader who would be able to help us in our travels and show us to grounds.

Three of us plan to make the trip. We are aged 21-23.

Robert Rietveld, 147 Tennessee Ave, Mangere East, Auckland, New Zealand.

Champagne Perryman

I AM astonished that England manager Ron Greenwood has yet to include Tottenham full back Steve Perryman in his national team.

Justice was done when Steve's splendid service for Spurs was rewarded with an FA Cup Final win last year, and Steve has been playing even better this season.

I'm sure England would not have lost their World Cup qualifier in Norway if Steve's battling skills had been called upon.

Ron must call up the Tottenham skipper for this summer's World Cup Finals in Spain.

G. Porter (12), Leytonstone, London.

Switch keepers, Billy

NORTHERN Ireland's boss, Billy Bingham, should follow the example of England manager Ron Greenwood and alternate his goalkeepers.

Although Pat Jennings is a fine keeper, Middlesbrough's Jim Platt should be given regular internationals. Jim is one of the most dedicated professionals in the game.

John Carson, Farringdon, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.

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Stephen Sudlow, Warrington, Cheshire.

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Robert Hsie, Carntyne, Glasgow.

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TREVOR MAKES BURNLEY BUBBLE

OVER the years, Burnley have always had a glowing reputation for producing outstanding players from within their youth ranks.

And it has often been a source of complaint among the Turf Moor fraternity that their home-grown talent has blossomed in other pastures.

That's an argument that club officials solidly counter by referring to the mounting problems of balancing the books of a small town club.

Players like former England international Martin Dobson, Dave Thomas, Welsh pair Brian Flynn and Leighton James, and the bustling Steve Kindon were all guided along the road to stardom from the less fashionable surroundings of industrial Lancashire.

The present star shining forth from the lower reaches of the Third Division, where this once-proud Division One club currently stands, is 18-year-old midfielder Trevor Steven, who has added youthful exuberance to the experience of Martin Dobson and Northern Ireland international Tommy Cassidy.

The former apprentice professional, from the border town of Berwick, got a taste of League life towards the end of last season as a substitute.

This season, the gifted youngster has taken his chance with both hands to the extent that he was Match Weekly's Third Division Player of the Month in September.

And there are already growing signs that he could eventually follow in the footsteps of the Flynn's, James's and Kindon's.

The former England schoolboy international has his long-term ambitions homed in on the First Division, but at the moment his sole aim is to help Burnley back into Division Two.

"Like any other ambitious young player starting in the game, I want to play in the First Division," he says.

"I would hope that I might achieve that with Burnley, but if that's not possible in the future then I might have to go elsewhere.

"But at the moment, I am concentrating on helping Burnley back into the Second Division.



"We struggled at the start of the season. We didn't get the best of luck and confidence suffered.

"Every time we made a mistake, we seemed to be punished, but things have gradually changed and the ball has run a little more kindly for us.

"We have found some consistency and have by no means given up hope this season of rejoining the



Above: Trevor Steven with his Matchman of the Month award.

Left: Tommy Cassidy — his experience has been a great help to Trevor.

promotion race, particularly with three points for a win."

Trevor, spotted by a Burnley scout while playing a schools match in Newcastle, has been on their books since he was 14.

Clubs like Newcastle, Sunderland, Celtic and Rangers all made overtures in his direction, but he has no regrets about joining Burnley.

"The club have been very good to me and my parents.

"Since I signed for them at 14 I have always had the desire to be a professional footballer. I never thought of anything else.

"I was hoping for an early opportunity in the League side and fortunately I got the chance.

"I came into the side instead of Tommy Cassidy in the third game of the season and have never looked back.

"At the time, I thought it was just a temporary promotion from the reserves and I just went out and did my best.

"Fortunately, I've been able to keep my place in the side and it's great to play alongside the likes of Martin Dobson and Tommy because they are so experienced."

Focus on Divisions Three and Four with Melvyn Beck

Roger's on trial

FORMER Everton defender Roger Kenyon is attempting to revive his Football League career with Blackpool.

He has joined the Fourth Division club on a month's trial after spending three years in America.

LYONS MADE YOUTH COACH

BARRY Lyons, sacked last month as manager of York City, has returned to the club in his old capacity as youth coach.

The former Rotherham, Nottingham Forest, York and Darlington winger was appointed manager in 1980.

Millionaire comes to Oxford's rescue

MILLIONAIRE publisher Robert Maxwell has come to the aid of finance-stricken Third Division club Oxford United.

He has taken over as chairman and offered the club a cash lifeline.

Former chairman Bill Reeves had forecast that the club would have been bankrupt within a matter of weeks without any help.

New man at Mansfield

FORMER Newcastle striker Paul Cannell has joined Fourth Division Mansfield on a free transfer.

He has teamed up with former Newcastle team mate Stuart Boam, the Mansfield player-manager, after spending the last five years in America.

Life of Brian

CRYSTAL Palace midfielder player Brian Bason has joined Third Division Portsmouth on loan.

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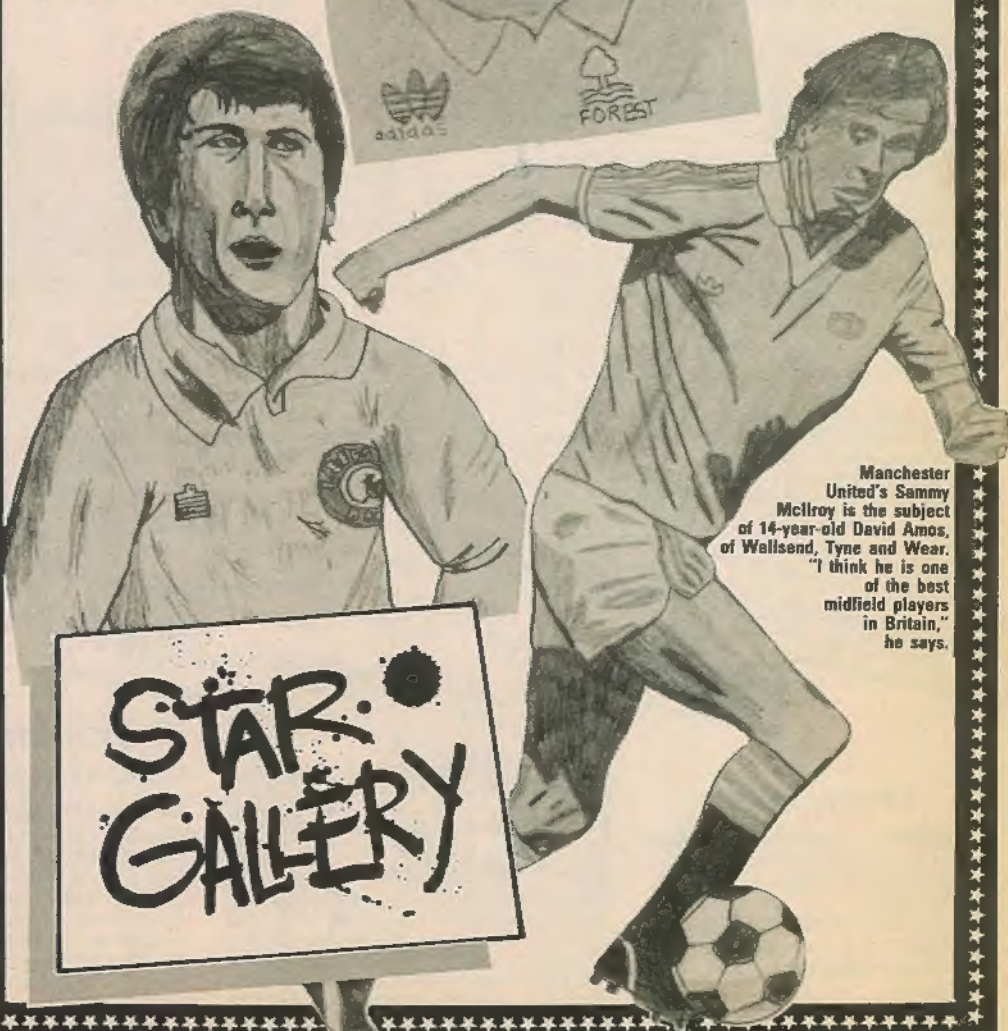
LEFT: "Clive Allen is a great and
exciting player who uses his skill
to his greatest ability." That's
how 13-year-old Tony French, of
Pinner, Middlessex,
describes the young
Queen's Park Rangers
striker.

RIGHT: "Peter Shilton is the best
keeper in the world." That's the view
of Stephen Edwards, of Amanford,
South Wales, who has drawn the
Nottingham Forest star.



ABOVE: Fourteen-year-old Declan
Kelly, of Bexleyheath, describes
Arsenal skipper David O'Leary as the
"best centre half in Britain" and that's
why he has selected him for Star
Gallery.

BELOW: Simon Strachan (10), of
Bradford, has picked Leeds
goalkeeper John Lukic for Star
Gallery. Simon says: "John is the
best young 'keeper around."



Manchester
United's Sammy
McIlroy is the subject
of 14-year-old David Amos,
of Wallsend, Tyne and Wear.
"I think he is one
of the best
midfield players
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he says.

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ENGLAND CAN BOUNCE CZECHS

SAYS BRIAN FLYNN

WALES skipper Brian Flynn, whose side came so close to qualifying for the World Cup Finals, believes England have the best chance of carrying the British flag into the second stage of the Spanish tournament.

The Leeds midfield dynamo feels England are capable of defeating Czechoslovakia, the team who denied the Welsh a passport to the sunshine showdown.

But he doesn't rate too highly the prospects of Scotland against the powerful Russians, who topped Wales' qualifying group and took three points from them in the process.

Wales went down 2-0 in Czechoslovakia after achieving a 1-0 success in Cardiff, but little Brian wasn't too impressed.

"They are not the side of a few years ago, but they are still capable of toppling the best sides on their day," he says.

"We didn't play well in Prague and they didn't either. They got a rather fortunate opening goal and then caught us again when we were pushing forward.

"But they are not the greatest travellers in the world and on Spanish soil I feel England can defeat them.

"The dangers to England could be Nehoda, who has been around for some time and a player called

Jurkemik, but, overall, I fancy England will overcome them."

But Brian believes Scotland will have to defeat World Cup favourites Brazil in their group if they are to stand a chance of reaching the second phase.

At 14-1, Britain rates the Russians as a good bet for the championship and feels they will at least reach the semi-finals.

"Scotland must produce two very good performances against Brazil and Russia. I think they will need three points from these games to stand a chance.

"The Russians were most impressive in the two matches against us and I rate them as highly as the West Germans in Europe.

"They are a very well organised side, in defence and midfield, and up front they've got a lot of pace with players like Blokhin and Shengalis.

"Players like Chivadze and Kipiani are also outstanding performers and their goalkeeper, Daseev, also caught the eye."

"So it looks as though Scotland have it all to do."

What of the chances of little Northern Ireland?

"With a little bit of luck, they could make it if they can get a good result against Yugoslavia who seem to be going through a transitional period, but Spain are the obvious favourites in that group."

POWERFUL Eastern bloc teams Russia and Czechoslovakia and the enigmatic French pose the major threats to the progress of England and Scotland in the World Cup Finals.

England are in the same group as France and the Czechs, while Scotland face the might of Russia along with World Cup favourites Brazil.

Wales finished third to the Iron Curtain duo in the qualifying stages and skipper Brian Flynn assesses the prospects of the home challenge.

And his Eire midfield adversary, Mick Martin, gives his verdict on France, who denied his country a place in the Spanish sun this summer . . .

LET'S GET PHYSICAL!

THAT'S THE WAY TO BEAT FRENCH says MICK MARTIN

PAUL Mariner and Peter Withe are the men who could unlock the French defence for England in their World Cup opener in Spain.

That's the view of Eire international Mick Martin, who played against the French twice in his country's unsuccessful attempts to reach the finals.

The Newcastle midfield star told Match: "The French don't like the physical game and that's why I believe that big strikers like Paul and Peter could unsettle them.

"With Manchester United's Steve Coppell or Aston Villa's Tony Morley on the wing to supply the crosses, I believe England could be on a winner.

Eire, who missed out on qualifying for Spain on goal difference, beat France 3-2 in Dublin but lost 2-0 in Paris.

"The French are full of individual flair. They've got players who are capable of scoring goals from anywhere, but they don't like the

physical stuff. That's where England could win.

"France's main asset is that they are so quick. Their one-touch football can turn defence into attack," added the former West Brom and Manchester United player.

"There's no doubt that they were the best team in our qualifying group," said Mick, "and I believe they'll go through to the second round alongside England.

"When you talk about France, the name Michel Platini is the first one that comes to mind. And he's the player that most impressed me.

"He played as a link man between the midfield and attack in Dublin and he needs to be marked all the time. England can't afford to let him roam," added Mick.

"The game against France will be decided in the middle of the field. If England can tie that up, I've no doubt that they'll win," he added.



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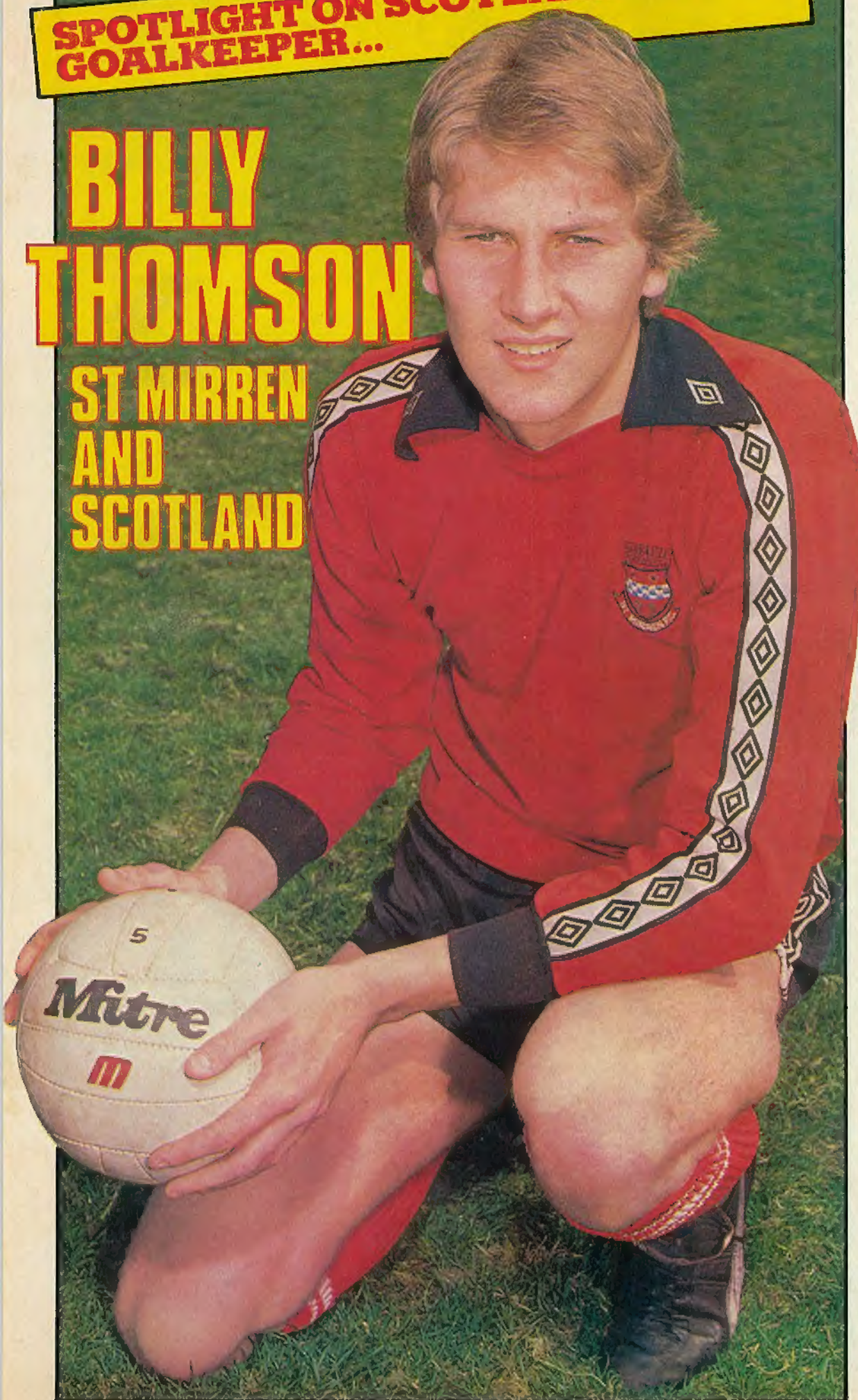
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CAR: Sunbeam 1600 GLS.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Partick Thistle.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Non — although I served an apprenticeship as a motor mechanic.
WORST EVER INJURY: I played for seven weeks with two broken toes.
FAVOURITE LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Aberdeen's Peter Weir. He's got terrific skill.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Dundee United.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: West German keeper Harold Schumacher. He's very confident and I admire his style.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: England's 1966 World Cup winning side with Pat Jennings in goal. Jennings (N. Ireland), Cohen, Willson, Stiles, Charlton J., Moore, Ball, Hurst, Hunt, Charlton R., Peters.
BEST ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: West Germany's 1974 World Cup winning side. Maier, Vogts, Schwarzenbeck, Beckenbauer, Breitner, Bonhoff, Hoeness, Overath, Grabowski, Muller, Holzenbein.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Ibrox.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Benfica's ground in Portugal.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: By Celtic's Frank McGarvey against me in last season's 7-0 hammering. He beat three players and rifled the ball into the net.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: There are two — Davie Cooper (Rangers) and Davie Provan (Celtic).
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My full World Cup debut for Scotland against Portugal last November.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: A save I pulled off against Northern Ireland's Billy Hamilton in last season's Home Internationals. His header was flying into the top corner before I got my hand to it.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis, snooker and watching golf.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Going out for a meal with my wife after a game.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: High winds and cold weather.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Sports programmes and comedies.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Crossroads and Coronation Street.
FAVOURITE READING: Sports magazines.
FAVOURITE POP STAR: Barry Manilow, Eagles and Abba.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Scampi and peppered steak.
FAVOURITE DRINK: A pint of heavy!
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Brazil.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood and Bette Davis.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father and St Mirren manager Ricky McFarlane.
WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Getting beaten.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Deep fried haddock.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Four full Scottish caps and 16 Under-21 caps.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play for a top club.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy and successful in everything I do.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: St Mirren midfielders Gardner Spiers and Frank McAvennie.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Singer Donna Summer.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Train hard and listen to all advice, then pick out and heed the best.